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The deadline for the next electronic newsletter is December 28 (Wednesday) at 8 a.m.

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Upcoming Services

December 18

Hillcrest Services **Annual Service of Music "Joyful, All Ye Nations Rise"** (live)

We celebrate the Christmas season with carols of many lands and traditions. From the spirited dance-like Spanish carol "Fum, Fum, Fum" to the lovely Christina Rossetti poem set to Gustav Holst's music "In the Bleak Midwinter" and Jason Shelton's contemporary "The Dawning of Our Dreams," we invoke the deepest meanings of the season. This festival service features our Chalice Choir and Youth Choir "Voices in Unity," as well as both of handbell ensembles. Come hear the music and sing some of your favorite carols.

South Bay Service **"How Do We Speak to One Another"** (live)

– Rev. Dr. Arvid Straube.

December 24

Vespers Service and Nativity Tableau (live) at 5 p.m. in the Meeting House, Hillcrest Campus

Candlelight Service (live) at 8 p.m. in the Meeting House, Hillcrest Campus

December 25

Hillcrest Service at 11:30 a.m. only **"Christmas Day Service of Carols and Stories"** (live)

This service is an Intergenerational Service, appropriate for the whole family. A potluck will follow the Service in the Common Room.

South Bay Service **No Worship Service at our South Bay Campus on Christmas Day.**

The **Transformational Theme** for December is **Hope**.

Did You Know . . . ?

- We will be celebrating Christmas morning together as a whole congregation. There will be no Religious Education Classes and no Nursery care for this special Service.
- We are in need of Ushers for the New Year. Ushers help the congregation on Sundays by passing the offering baskets through the rows. If you would like to enrich Sundays as an Usher please contact Wes Hawkins, or find an usher on Sundays and he or she introduce you to Wes.
- There's still time to sign up for a Wisdom Circle. Stop by the Church office on Sunday to fill out your availability and get placed into one of the groups forming in January.

Announcements

Generosity Offering for December: Promises2Kids

Originally founded as the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation of San Diego County, Promises2Kids is a 30-year-old nonprofit organization. The mission of Promises2Kids is to break the cycle of child abuse through prevention, education, and advocacy. In the early nineties, the organization built the A. B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center, which is the County's only emergency shelter for abused and neglected children. The Center provides shelter, protection and support for more than 3,000 children going through its doors each year. Promises2Kids also provides support to Foster Youth and Youth who have recently transitioned out of the foster care system through a variety of programming

including: youth to youth mentorship, scholarships, transitional housing, recreation, and camps that reunite children who have been separated by the foster care system. To find out more about this organization, you can go to their website, www.promises2kids.com.

The Giving Tree – There is Still Time to Help a Family Have a Happy Holiday

The Giving Tree is back for its 15th year! We continue to work with San Diego Youth Services, an organization that has been in service for over 30 years. Through the Giving Tree, we sponsor needy families for Christmas. Please sign up at the Giving Tree table between services and after the second service on December 4 and December 11. All presents must be returned unwrapped by December 18 (Sunday) for delivery on December 24. Cash Donations are also appreciated. If you are not able to bring a gift, you can give cash so a present can be purchased on your behalf. Please stop by the table and have any of your questions answered by Shannon Matsch, leader in training and her assistant/mom Joy Boatman.

Guest at Your Table Continues This Sunday

Our Annual UUSC Guest at Your Table event begins this Sunday. Please pick up a box or envelope at the table outside the Meeting House doors this morning and begin adding donations throughout this Advent season. Boxes and envelopes will be collected during the Christmas Eve services on December 24 (Saturday), or can be dropped off in the Church office for the following three weeks. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a justice organization working both in this country and around the world by partnering with local organizations to work in the areas of human rights, environmental justice, economic justice, and civil liberties. Join with other Unitarian Universalists to support the work of this organization. More information about UUSC and the Guest at Your Table Program can be found at the social justice table on the patio, and by going to [the UUSC website](#).

Generosity Offerings in January: UU Justice Organizations and Causes

Throughout the month of January we will be exploring the work of justice through our transformational Worship Theme and our Generosity Offerings. Similar to the past six months, 85% of our weekly offering will go towards the important work of organizations that reflects our values. This month will be special because *each week* the offering will be received for a different cause that is linked to our UU faith. On Jan. 1, the offering is being received in support of the [UU Service Committee](#), and the [UU-United Nations Office](#). On January 8 (Sunday), the offering is being received in support of the [UUA](#), our denominational association. January 15 (Sunday) will be our annual “Journey Towards Wholeness Sunday,” supporting our church’s work to become a more inclusive, multi-cultural and anti-oppressive community. On January 22 (Sunday) we will have a special Justice Sunday, with the offering being received in support of the work of the Social Justice Ministry Team, followed by a Justice Fair on the patio of the Hillcrest Campus. And finally, on January 29 (Sunday), our offering is being received in support of sending youth, young adults, and others in need of support, to [Justice General Assembly](#) in Phoenix this June. You can read more about this month of justice and generosity in the article in the January edition of the First Words Church Magazine.

Religious Education and Family Ministry

This Week in Children’s Religious Education

Hillcrest Campus

December 18 (Sunday)

9:30 a.m. Service

Nursery Care is provided for children from birth through 24-months in Room 109.

Twos and Threes (two and three-year-olds) The class will have a holiday party this Sunday.

All Children (four-year-olds through sixth grade) will gather together this Sunday for their annual holiday party. After they leave the Meeting House they will gather with Liz Jones in Room 113 for stories, crafts, and treats.

11:30 a.m. Service

Childcare is provided for children from birth through age three in Room 105.

All Children (four-year-olds through sixth grade) will gather together this Sunday for their annual holiday party. After they leave the Meeting House they will gather with Liz Jones in Room 113 for stories, crafts, and treats.

December 25 (Sunday)

11:30 a.m. Service

All Children (infants through sixth grade) are invited to share in the Intergenerational Worship Service, on Christmas Sunday. There will be no Religious Education classes nor will there be childcare. We welcome all to the special Service of Carols, Poems, and Stories.

A Reminder: Unless otherwise noted, children four years old and up, begin their Sunday morning in the Worship Service with their parents. We consider the time we spend together in worship before classes begin as an integral part of the religious education program. Parents of four and five-year-olds need to come with their children to the patio to sign them into class. Classes run one-hour from approximately 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., or from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Children should be picked up from their classrooms at 10:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Children three and younger may be left in childcare before you enter the Meeting House and need to be picked up immediately after the service. Thank you for understanding the needs of our children and their classes.

South Bay Campus:

December 18 (Sunday)

The children will have their own holiday party in their classroom after they leave the Worship space.

December 25 (Sunday)

We will be worshipping as a whole congregation at our Hillcrest Campus on Christmas morning. All ages are invited to share this time together. There will be no separate childcare or children's classes at the Hillcrest Campus.

Youth Program Activities:

This Sunday, December 18 the 9:30 a.m. Youth Group will consider the concept of leadership and how we choose who we will follow and explore the idea of how group mentalities may make us do things we might otherwise as they watch an excerpt from the movie *The Life of Brian*. **Parents please note:** This movie is rated R, so parental consent is required for your youth to watch this film clip. (Please see the note below about the registration packets and permission forms.) At 11:30 a.m., the Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet in rooms 114a and 114b respectively for the regular program activities. *Registration forms* are available in Rooms 114a and 114b for the Youth Program. Also included in the registration packet is a parental consent form to view R rated movies, even though the film clips shown at the 9:30 a.m. Youth Group may not show the content that garnered the R rating for that particular movie.

Our Whole Lives (Grades 7 through 9) Coming Soon

The first of two required parent orientation sessions for the Junior High (grades 7-9) sexuality education program, *Our Whole Lives*, will take place on January 22 (Sunday) from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Common Room. (The second parent orientation session will be held the following Sunday, January 29 at the same time and place.) Childcare will be provided for the parent orientation sessions and is available upon request for the class sessions which begin in February, so please let youth Programs Coordinator Käthe Larick know if you need childcare for the 10 program sessions. You may either call her at 619-298-9978, extension 210 or email her at [Kathe Larick](mailto:Kathe.Larick@stjohns.org) to RSVP.

The Cabaret of Love – Coming in February

This year's benefit program will take place on February 11 (Saturday) at 7 p.m. It will have a cabaret format centered on the theme of Valentine's Day, so start working on your act or thinking about what group act you'd like to be a part of. Talk to [Käthe](mailto:Kathe.Larick@stjohns.org) if you have any questions.

Family Ministry

Childcare: Evening childcare will be available from 6:30 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday. Any member of a group meeting on campus is welcome to make use of this service. If your group needs childcare at other times, arrangements can be made by completing the childcare request form, found at the Scheduler's desk in the administration building. Donations to cover the cost of Childcare will be gladly accepted. Parents must remain on the church grounds.

Nativity Tableau at the Christmas Eve Family Vespers

There are still several spaces for more shepherds in our annual Nativity Tableau. All of our children from age 4 through 6th Grade are invited to take part in the Christmas Eve Nativity Tableau. The Tableau will be a major part of the worship service at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24 (Saturday). There is a required dress rehearsal at 1 p.m. on December 18 (Sunday). Participants

must be able to attend both the dress rehearsal and the Christmas Eve service to participate. Call Liz Jones at 619-298-9978, ext. 208, with questions or to sign up.

Child Dedication on Christmas Eve

This year during our annual Christmas Eve Family Vespers at 5 p.m. will celebrate the rite of Child Dedication. If you have a child or children who you would like to be celebrated during this Service please contact [Liz Jones](#) our Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry. She will be happy to answer any question you may have about this Service, and let you know what information we need from you. If you are interested, but this date will not work for you, let Liz know and an additional date will be scheduled in the New Year. You may reach her at 619-298-9978, ext. 208 or by e-mail.

Family Triads

Would you like to get to know other families in the Church better? Would you like to make some deeper connections? Consider joining in a Family Triad. Three families will be matched together and from February through June, they will agree to meet together at least three times, away from the Church. These gatherings can happen in a home or at a park. The general expectation will be that these families will share a meal, engage in activities that are appropriate for all the members of the families involved, and take the time to talk and learn about each other. If you are interested in being matched with other families, pick up a brochure at the RE Office or go to [the Church website](#) to download the application.

Adult Religious Education:

The current Summer/Fall Adult Religious Education course catalog is available in paper on the patio or on the First Church [website](#). New classes: "Shape Note Singing" returns on December 11 and "Memorial Service Planning Workshop" on December 17. Please pre-register as we need to prepare adequate facilities and supplies. You may now register for Adult RE Classes online from our [website](#). You do not need to be a Member of First Church to join in our classes. Got Ideas? The Adult Education Committee is looking for class facilitators for our program. We are looking for classes bursting with spiritual energy. If you have any creative expertise which you'd like to share, please contact [Chris Christenson](#) at 619-298-9978, ext. 214.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 17

Planning a Memorial Service Workshop with Rev. Jim Grant

December 17 (Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Room 113

Planning a memorial service can be an overwhelming task. There are so many details to consider: when, where, by whom, flowers, music, readings, media, program, decorations, theme, reception, personalization of the event, and meeting everyone's wishes and desires. Participants may be considering their own memorial service or the honor of a family member or close friend. Grieving is an emotional time; not the time to make important decisions. It is best not to wait so that others will have to do last-minute planning. Please contact [Chris Christenson](#) at 619-298-9978, ext. 214 to register.

Winter Solstice

December 17 (Saturday) promptly at 6:30 p.m., Meeting House

Through stories, music, dance, drumming, and ritual, we honor the ageless triumph of the human spirit on this sacred night. This is the 15th year we have brought our very special Winter Solstice Ritual to First Church. Last year we took a rest. We're back this year! If you have attended in the past, please prepare for a new and different experience, as our beloved patio is under construction. There will be no social gathering before or after. However, festive attire is still encouraged! Children and families are welcome. We ask a suggested donation of \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children 12-years-old and younger. *There is no charge for infants.* For more information, contact [Alice King](#) at 619-298-9978, ext. 213.

Sunday, December 18

Singletarians Luncheon

December 18 (Sunday) at 12:30 p.m., Red Lobster, 3780 Sports Arena Blvd.

For more information or directions, contact Bob Graham at 858-560-4834.

UU Christian Fellowship (UUCF)

December 18 (Sunday) at 1 p.m., Room 115

The UUCF will celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Advent watching the transformation of the "Bah Humbug" Scrooge into the "Born Again" Scrooge at the hands of Charles Dickens and Seymour Hicks in the amazing 1931 film "Scrooge." It was the first and probably still the best Scrooge on the silver screen. If you have never seen it or would like to see it again, please join us. Holiday cookies and apple cider will be served.

Friends of de Benneville Pines Meeting

December 18 (Sunday) for a 5 p.m. Social hour, 6 p.m. Potluck, and 7 p.m. short Meeting, at the Jania-Smith home

Join the Friends of de Benneville Pines at Barbara and Don Jania-Smith's, 2068 Batchelder Court, El Cajon. For directions or to RSVP please call 619-461-7039.

Monday, December 19

Monday Evening Meditation Sangha

Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Clark Chapel

A twenty-minute silent sitting meditation is followed by discussion. The last hour continues our discussion of *Unlimiting Mind* by Andrew Olendzki. No experience is necessary, all are welcome. For more information contact [John Holl](mailto:John.Holl@ucf.org) at 619-546-6525.

Tuesday, December 20

Men's "Cracker Barrel" Group

First and Third Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., City Delicatessen

This is a free-wheeling men's group that just gets together for breakfast and general conversation. Our first few meetings have been a success, but we would welcome a few more attendees. For more information, please contact [Al Weiss](mailto:Al.Weiss@ucf.org).

Board of Trustees Meeting

December 20 (Tuesday) from 6 to 9 p.m., Common Room

All First Church Members, Friends, and visitors are invited to attend our monthly Board Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. "Open Mic" Time at Every Board Meeting: Because we're interested in your opinions and ideas, time is scheduled at the beginning of each regular Board meeting for you to share what's on your mind. You may speak, uninterrupted, for a maximum of three minutes. It's best to plan your talk in advance. You may speak on any church-related topic that interests you, except personnel matters, which are not discussed in open Board meetings, even by Board members.

Young Adult Reunion Nights!

December 20 and 27 (Tuesdays) from 7 to 9 p.m., Room 114b

If you are in town for the holidays, join other young adults ages 18-35 for snacks, games, and conversation. See old friends and meet new ones. Parents, please tell your visiting young adult children.

Wednesday, December 21

Wednesday Morning Meditation Sangha

Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Room 114b

All are welcome. Starting December 14, we will start a 10-week series of dharma talks on the life of the Buddha, his early teachings, and the development of Buddhism. If you plan to attend just the talk and not the meditation, please arrive by 10:50am. For more information, please contact [John Holl](mailto:John.Holl@ucf.org) at 619-546-6525.

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Potluck

Come one, come all – to our Christmas Day Worship Service on December 25 (Sunday) at 11:30 a.m.. Following the Service there will be a potluck lunch for all. Please bring your favorite dish for 6 to 8 to share and sign up with [Joanne Ell](mailto:Joanne.Ell@ucf.org), our point person, to volunteer to help set up the lunch. The

sign-up table is on the patio near the Preschool office. We look forward to seeing you there.

Singletarians Luncheon – No Luncheon on Christmas or New Years Day

Monday, December 26

Office will be Closed in Observance of the Christmas Day Holiday

Tuesday, December 27

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If you are in town for the holidays, join other young adults ages 18-35 for snacks, games, and conversation. See old friends and meet new ones. Parents, please tell your visiting young adult children.

Into the New Year

UU Tennis Gathering

December 31 (Saturday) at 9:30 a.m., Porto Fino Tennis Courts, Tierrasanta

Join UU tennis players for a round of tennis at the beautiful Porto Fino courts in Tierrasanta. Players of all ability levels are welcome. Bring a new can of tennis balls and a light snack to share. For directions to the courts call Joe Combs at 858-571-5300 or Pat McCann at 858-550-0221.

Got Your 2012 Calendar Yet?

Planning your 2012 trips already? Consider District Assembly in Los Angeles from April 27 (Friday evening) to April 28 (all day and evening Saturday). And/or plan for Justice General Assembly in Phoenix from June 20 to June 24 (Wednesday through Sunday). For more information, go to [visit the UUA's website](#), or email Joan Cudhea at [Joan Cudhea](#).

Telling Our Stories: A Spiritual Exploration of Diversity

January 1 (Sunday) from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m., Hillcrest Campus, Room 113

Find out what it's like to speak deeply from the heart and listen deeply to others as a spiritual practice. Through sharing personal stories, we discover how diversity lives in each of us, and we deepen our connection to ourselves and one another. In keeping with the overall themes of intercultural diversity and social justice, we respond to a prompt that evokes memories of transformative moments, people, and events in our lives. No "storytelling" experience is necessary; spontaneity, a bit of introspection, and a willingness to explore are essential. This is open to everyone. Participants are invited to bring a meaningful object, which may be used as a "talking piece," to place on our altar. Prompt arrival is imperative in order to create a safe space. Join us and tell your story!

Coffee House Conversations with Arvid

January 4 (Wednesday)

Coffee at 6:30 p.m., Conversation from 7 to 8 p.m., Room 113

Coffee House Conversation: Presentation and Discussion with Arvid continues. This week we will talk about UU Spiritual and Theological Perspectives. Just drop in and see what happening. Registration is not required. Please contact [Chris Christenson](#) at 619-298-9978, ext. 214 with questions.

Volunteer Saturday Work Day

January 7 (Saturday) at 9 a.m., Hillcrest Campus

Any and all interested volunteers are invited to come to First Church for coffee and bagels from 8 to 9 a.m. and then to work from 9 to 11:30 a.m. to help clean out the gutters on the preschool building. Please bring your own work gloves with you. Hope to see many of you bright and early.

The Following Week

Save the Date- Friends of de Benneville Soup-er Celebration Lunch

January 8 (Sunday) at 12:30 p.m. Common Room

Friends of de Benneville Pines invite you to enjoy a wintry variety of homemade soups, breads, and fruit for lunch with donations to benefit the First Church scholarship fund for our annual June Camp. The program following will celebrate renovations at Camp and honor Director, Janet James.

Shape Note Singing: "The Sacred Harp"

January 8 (and on-going on second Sundays) from 3 to 5 p.m., Room 113
Shape Note Singing: "The Sacred Harp" with members of the San Diego FaSoLa Singers. Everyone is welcome. It doesn't matter if you can't sing. It matters that you want to. Your voice is your harp. Let's sing together, without instruments or formal training, using shape note notation. Or just stop by and listen. Drop in, registration not required.

Book Lovers Affinity Group

January 12 (Thursdays) from 6 to 8 p.m., Room 114a

At our January 12 meeting, we will discuss Thomas Mann's classic novella *Death in Venice*, in which an aging German writer goes to Venice in search of inspiration. Everyone is welcome to join us and suggest titles to read and discuss during 2012. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Maureen McNair](#) at 619-427-1769.

Grassroots Leadership Is Coming To San Diego

January 14 (Saturday) from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Clark Chapel

Learn about private prisons corporations criminalizing people like *undocumented immigrants* to increase profits. Hear what it's like to be detained. Consider how the American Bar Association Immigrant Justice Program is helping. Explore how to defend those being exploited for profit. To pre-register, contact [Angela](#) at 619-423-7248.

SJMT Service Project in January: MLK Interfaith Work Day

January 16 (Monday) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Morley Field in Balboa Park

Join the Social Justice Ministry Team for a family-friendly service project. The 4th Annual Interfaith Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service at Balboa Park will bring together people of different faiths and cultural backgrounds for a morning of community service in our parks, including clearing brush and collecting trash. After the park cleanup, there will be a picnic, so please bring a lunch for yourself and dessert to share. For more information or to sign up, please come by the Social Justice Ministry Team table on the Hillcrest Campus, the Get Involved table on the South Bay Campus, or contact [Kristen Kuriga](#), SJMT Coordinator at 619-298-9978, ext. 216. For more information, go to: [their website](#).

Coffee House Conversations with Arvid

January 18 (Wednesday)

Coffee at 6:30 p.m., Conversation from 7 to 8 p.m., Room 113

Coffee House Conversation: Presentation and Discussion with Arvid continues. This week we will talk about UU Spiritual and Theological Perspectives: Nature Mysticism/Scientific Theism. Just drop in and see what happening. Registration is not required. Please contact [Chris Christenson](#) at 619-298-9978, ext. 214 with questions.

Owning Your Religious Past

January 19, 26 and February 2, 9, and 16 (Thursdays) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Room 113

Owning Your Religious Past with Rev Jim Grant, This is an opportunity to celebrate and move beyond our religious past. Unitarian Universalists come from a variety of religious as well as no religious pasts. In this five-part course, we explore how to move forward with appreciation and aspiration. Class size is limited, sign-up as soon as possible. Please contact [Chris Christenson](#) at 619-298-9978, ext. 214 to register.

Movie Lovers Gabfest (Affinity Group)

January 19 (Thursday) from 7 to 9 p.m., Room 114a

We will *not* meet in November and December 2011 due to imminent Holidays. Join us to discuss exciting new movies that you have seen. If you have any questions contact Bobbi Karpinski at 858-384-6261.

Looking Glass Theatre "Once Upon a Mattress" Auditions

January 20 (Friday) from 6 to 9 p.m., Meeting House

January 21 (Saturday) from 12 to 4 p.m., Meeting House

January 22 (Sunday) from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Meeting House

Auditions for "Once Upon A Mattress," a hilariously nutty retelling of the beloved fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea." A cast of 25 to 30 actors of all ages is required for this show. All interested performers are welcome and invited to audition. Experience is helpful, but not required. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, on characters and dancing requirements, visit www.LookingGlassSD.org. The music for "Once Upon A Mattress" was composed by Mary Rodgers,

the daughter of Richard Rodgers of Rodgers and Hammerstein renown, but the show is most famous for introducing the young musical comedy star Carol Burnett in the leading role of the Princess. The show had its debut in 1959 and went on to a successful run on Broadway but its enduring popularity to this day is a testament to its ability to charm and entertain audiences. "Once Upon a Mattress" will open on April 13 and continue on April 14, 20, and 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at First Church. Discounted tickets will be available on the church patio beginning Sunday, March 4 or online at [the Looking Glass Theatre website](#).

Clear Your Clutter – Change Your Life

January 21 and 28 (Saturdays) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Common Room
 Clear Your Clutter – Change Your Life with Ann Marie Holzknacht. This 2-session course will present the "how to" and "why" of clutter clearing. We will give you the tools to change clutter clearing from a mundane task to a life-transforming journey. The focus will be on how to get the most from your clutter clearing efforts while improving your home, relationships, and life. Please contact [Chris Christenson](#) at 619-298-9978, ext. 214 to register.

The Path of Sufism

Beginning January 23 (and on the 4th Wednesday through April) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., South Bay Campus
 The Path of Sufism: Practices, Meditation, and Dance with Larry "Jamil" Sweet. A taste of the message of love, harmony, and beauty through invocation, dance, readings, and principles of Sufism; followed by familiarization with open wazifas (the repetition of sacred words and phrases), meditations, and more dance. Please contact [Chris Christenson](#) at 619-298-9978, ext. 214 with questions.

Coffee House Conversations with Arvid

February 1 (Wednesday)
 Coffee at 6:30 p.m., Conversation from 7 to 8 p.m., Room 113
 Coffee House Conversation: Presentation and Discussion with Arvid continues. This week we will talk about UU Spiritual and Theological Perspectives: Humanism. Just drop in and see what happening. Registration is not required. Please contact [Chris Christenson](#) at 619-298-9978, ext. 214 with questions.

SJMT Service Project in February: Sorting Food at Feeding America

February 25 (Saturday) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 9455 Waples Street, Ste. 135, 92121
 Join us for a family-friendly service project sorting food at the Feeding America warehouse in Mira Mesa. Each month, Feeding America relies on volunteers to sort, clean, bag, and box more than 1 million pounds of food that helps alleviate hunger for the most vulnerable members of our community, including children, seniors, and the homeless. For more information or to sign up, please come to the SJMT Table at the Hillcrest Campus or the Get Involved Table at the South Bay Campus, or contact [Kristen Kuriga](#) at 619-298-9978, ext. 216.

Week-at-a-Glance Calendar

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Adult Education: Planning a Memorial Service*	10:00AM - 12:00PM	Room 113
Winter Solstice	6:00PM - 8:00PM	Meeting House

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Sunday Morning Meditation Sangha	9:00AM - 9:20AM	Room 114a
Hillcrest Worship Service	9:30AM & 11:30AM	Meeting House
Hillcrest Children's Religious Education	9:45AM & 11:45AM	Please See RE Office
South Bay Worship Service	10:00AM - 11:00AM	South Bay Campus
UU Christian Fellowship	12:45PM - 3:30PM	Room 115
Nativity Tableau Rehearsal	1:00PM - 3:00PM	Meeting House
Journey Toward Wholeness	1:15PM - 3:15PM	Room 114b

Monday, December 19, 2011

Las Campanas Rehearsal	6:00PM - 7:30PM	Meeting House
Monday Evening Meditation/Sangha	7:00PM - 8:30PM	Clark Chapel

Tuesday, December 20, 2011		
Meditation Workshop	7:00PM - 8:30PM	Clark Chapel
Young Adults Ages 18-24 Meeting	7:00PM - 9:00PM	Room 114b
Wednesday, December 21, 2011		
Wednesday Morning Meditation/Sangha	10:00AM - 12:00PM	Room 114b
UUBellation Rehearsal - Cancelled		
Adult Education: Coffee House Conversations with Arvid	6:30PM - 8:30PM	Room 113
Wednesday Evening Childcare	6:30PM - 9:30PM	Room 105
Chalice Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM - 8:40PM	Clark Chapel
Young Adults 25s-35s	7:00PM - 9:00PM	Room 114b
Thursday, December 22, 2011		
Meditation Group	6:30PM - 7:30PM	South Bay Campus
Saturday, December 24, 2011		
Hillcrest Family Vespers Service and Nativity Tableau	5:00PM - 6:00PM	Meeting House
Hillcrest Candlelight Worship Service	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Meeting House
Sunday, December 25, 2011		
Sunday Morning Meditation Sangha	9:00AM - 9:20AM	Room 114a
Hillcrest Worship Service	11:30AM - 12:30PM	Meeting House
Christmas Day Potluck	12:30PM - 2:30PM	Common Room
Monday, December 26, 2011		
First Church Office Closed		
Las Campanas Rehearsal	6:00PM - 7:30PM	Meeting House
Organizing for Justice Monthly Meeting	6:30PM - 8:00PM	Room 113
Monday Evening Meditation/Sangha	7:00PM - 8:30PM	Clark Chapel
Tuesday, December 27, 2011		
First Church Office Open - with Shortened Hours		
Young Adults Ages 18-24 Meeting	7:00PM - 9:00PM	Room 114b
Wednesday, December 28, 2011		
First Church Office Open - with Shortened Hours		
Wednesday Morning Meditation/Sangha	10:00AM - 12:00PM	Room 114b
UUBellation Rehearsal - Cancelled	5:00PM - 6:00PM	
Intern Committee Meeting	6:00PM - 8:00PM	Room 114a
*Adult Ed: Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life: Reading Group B	6:30PM - 8:30PM	Room 115
Adult Education: Coffee House Conversations with Arvid	6:30PM - 8:30PM	Room 113
Wednesday Evening Childcare	6:30PM - 9:30PM	Room 105
Young Adults 25s-35s	7:00PM - 9:00PM	Room 114b
Chalice Choir Gathering	8:45PM - 9:30PM	Common Room
Thursday, December 29, 2011		
First Church Office Open - with Shortened Hours		
Meditation Group	6:30PM - 7:30PM	South Bay Campus
Friday, December 30, 2011		
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