



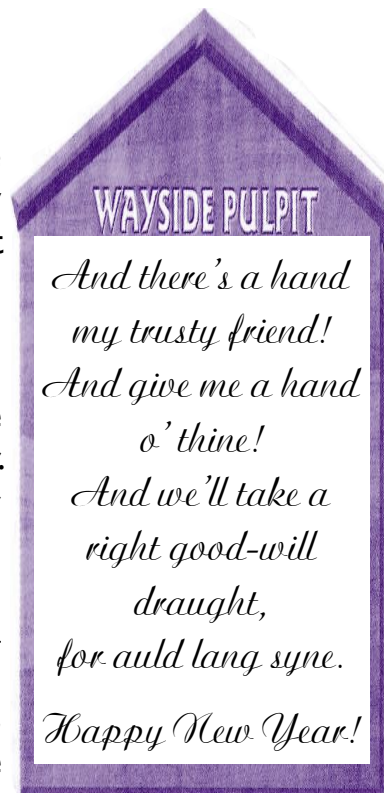
## MINISTER'S COLUMN

The last week of December, after Christmas and before the New Year, always feels like an interval of time with an ethereal quality about it. The rush and craziness of the holidays is over and we can rest a little bit before diving into a new beginning. If you're lucky enough to be on vacation, as I am, it may be a time of delicious puttering... cleaning house, fixing that loose handle that's been bothering you all year, putting away gifts, and finishing up all the cookies, cakes, and fudge before making promises of shedding extra pounds in the new year. This is the time when I want to see snow, lots of it, while I hunker down and luxuriate in doing a whole lot of nothing. What a blessing!

I don't know about you, but I need the break. 2016 has been a wild ride; a year of endless political insanity and the election itself... well...that was just a kick in an already sore gut. I'm glad to put this year to bed and wake up in a new one. Even though the turning of the year is just a date, it feels like more. It feels like something fresh and new, like a chance just waiting to be grabbed and held on to. As much as Christmas can be both a happy and sad time for a number of reasons, the New Year is a blank sheet of paper. What do you envision? What will you draw or write or paint on this fresh page? What colors will you use? How will it make other people feel when they look at it? How will you describe what you've created next year at this time? This week is a perfect time to think about that, to choose your colors and sharpen your pencils.

I hope everyone has a little down time this week, and I hope everyone had a warm and joyous Christmas. And may the New Year bring us all the balance and drive to create something marvelous and bright, something we will be glad to show off to each other. So may it be!

Blessings-Karen




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### Minister's Hours

Tue, Wed & Thu 10-1  
or by appointment at  
your convenience.  
You may call the office  
(508-994-9686) or call  
Karen Andersen at  
508-441-9344



*Reminder: There will be no worship service on Sunday, January 1, 2017. Regular Worship Services will resume at 11am on Sunday, January 8, 2017.*

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



# RE NEWS-WAY COOL SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

January 8 The Source

January 15 Recognition of Diversity

January 22 Reflection

January 29 Refocus

February 5 Renewal

RE Team Meeting {Green Room | 2:15pm}

February 12 Luminescence Service | 1:00am {Dress Rehearsal at 9:30am}

Children's Choir Practice Every Sunday following Sunday School until 12:30pm. We are rehearsing for the February 12<sup>th</sup> Luminescence Service hosted by The Way Cool Sunday School.

*Nothing can dim the light that shines from within.*

*Maya Angelou*

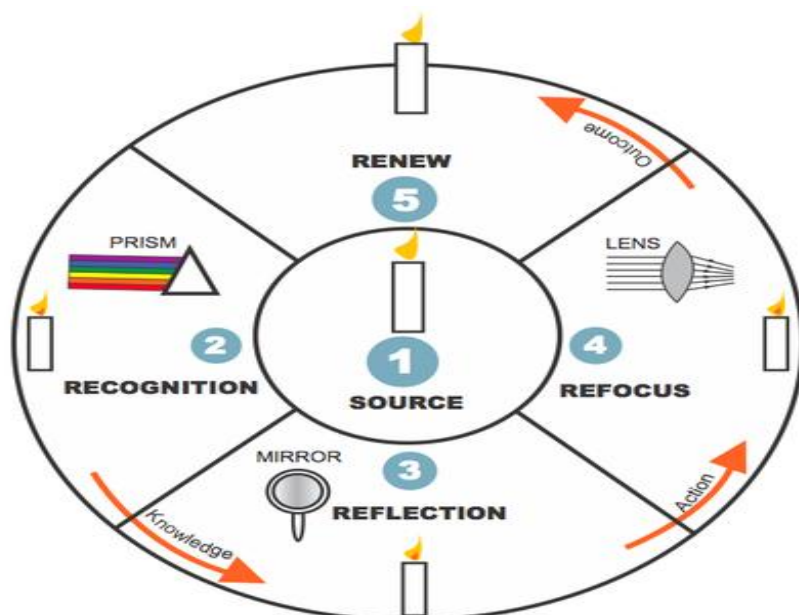
## Lu mi nes cence

noun

1. the emission of light by a substance that has not been heated, as in fluorescence and phosphorescence.

2. <http://www.luminescenceholiday.org/> (click the link for more info on the UU traditional holiday called Luminescence.)

## The Luminescence Candelabra



### BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

#### President

Cora Peirce

Crystal Lubinsky

Cecelia Weeks

Jorge Pereira

Sylvia White

Rick Finneran

**Clerk**—Richard Pline

**Treasurer**—Ned Lund



### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### House and Grounds

Richard Pline

#### Endowment

Carlton Dasent

#### Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Dave Thoen

#### Food Pantry

Maggi Kerr Peirce

#### Thrift Shop

Bill Bennett

#### Choir

Katie Driscoll

#### Social Justice

Rick Finneran

#### Music

Carol Kolek

#### Women's Alliance

Pam Sherman

## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group will resume their Tuesday morning meetings on January 24th, not the 10th as previously indicated. Everyone is welcome to join, even if you don't sew--just come to enjoy good company, tea and conversation. 9:30am on Tuesday mornings beginning January 24, 2017.

### HAVENWOOD REST HOME SOCKS AND GLOVE DRIVE

For the month of January, we will be collecting adult socks and gloves for Havenwood residents. Used gloves are fine if in good condition. A collection box is available in the parish house. Puzzles and adult games also welcome.



### GROCERY CARD DONATIONS

The church is in dire need of donations of Grocery Store Gift Cards to give to members, friends and community folks in need. Our Thrift Shop provides a TREMENDOUS service to those in need of clothing and household goods, but people still need food as well. If you are able, please contribute any amount you can. You can purchase the cards yourself, or donate money to the Minister's Discretionary Fund that will be designated to purchase gift cards. We appreciate any amount you can give.

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Donations of canned goods are always welcome. Most needed items are cereal, oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauce, cake/brownie mix, tuna/canned meats, canned fruit and peanut butter. Personal care items such as shampoo, razors and toothpaste, as well as diapers and baby food are ALWAYS needed and would be gratefully accepted. We thank you so much for your generosity all year long!

### CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

The Greater New Bedford Choral Society, Gerald P. Dyck, Director, and Dwight Thomas, accompanist, will present its winter choral concert on Sunday, January 8, 3:00pm at the First Unitarian Church of New Bedford. The concert will include a seldom-heard work Gloria In Excelsis by Guiseppe Carcani with a chamber orchestra and guest soloists Gabriel Alfieri and Brendan Buckley. Also included are shorter works by Mendelssohn, Rutter, Paulus, Lauridsen, Copland and others. Tickets are \$15 at the door - children 12 and under admitted free.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONORS

THANK YOU to everyone who donated poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary this year! They look so festive! Thanks to David Brownell who, once again, helped deliver the wreaths and poinsettias in time for our Lessons & Carols Service.

For all of those donors who requested to take their poinsettia(s) home after the holidays, they will be available any time after January 3rd. Please feel free to come by during office hours (9am-1pm) or on Sunday after service, January 8th.

2016 Donors:

Gertrude Burr ~ in memory of Eleanor T. Burr

Ron and Sylvia White

Karen Andersen ~ in memory of her grandmother

Dave Thoen ~ in loving memory of Edna Louise Thoen and Douglas Eric Thoen

Nancy Crosby ~ in honor of Karen Andersen, our new minister

Tom Quinn & Niko Tarini ~ in honor of Georgia & Henry McCusker

Bill Bennett ~ in memory of Gladys Goldberg

Anonymous ~ in memory of all New Bedford UU's who have needed us

Cora Peirez ~ in loving memory of John C. Darwin

Bob Piper ~ in memory of his mother

Carol Kolcz & Carlton Dasent ~ in honor of Freedom

Carl J Cruz ~ in memory of Olive Harrop

## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM NEWS— WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON UPDATE

As of now, there is space available on a bus leaving from Taunton. Please email [bristolwomensmarch@gmail.com](mailto:bristolwomensmarch@gmail.com) to register. If any UUNB folks plan to take that bus (or know of a closer bus that has seats) please contact Wendy and I'll spread the word. That way we can at least carpool to Taunton and sit together. I am registered for the bus but haven't sent in payment yet. ~Wendy Wiggins

- Departure Location: Taunton High School, 50 Williams Street, Taunton, MA. Overnight parking okay.
- Departure Date and Time: Friday, January 20th at 11p.m.
- Return Date and Time: Saturday, January 21st at approximately 6p.m. from D.C.
- Payment needs to be made by check to Carol Doherty at 148 Highland Avenue, Taunton, MA 02780 no later than January 3rd to secure a spot. Cost is \$115, but help is available if you need it.
- Type of transportation: 54 passenger coach bus



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

~ Torsten Fayan 1/8 ~ Juliette Flynn 1/12 ~ Aislynn Flynn 1/12 ~  
~ Cameron Garcia 1/25 ~ Candace Garcia 1/25 ~ Cecelia Weeks 1/28 ~



If your birthday is in January, but it is not listed here, it's because I do not have it in my database. Please call the office or send a quick email and let me know your birth date so we can all celebrate with you!

## CONTINUING EVENTS

**Sundays** at 9:30am: UU Sunday Choir Rehearsal—meets in the Sanctuary.

**Mondays** at 5:30pm: Tai Chi — Meets in the Green Room. Free. No meetings on Monday holidays.

**First & Third Mondays of each month** at 7:00pm: Pride Café—Meets in the Parish House.

**Second Tuesday of September, December and June** at 11:30am: Women's Alliance Meeting in the Parish House (unless otherwise stated).

**Tuesdays** from 3-5:30pm: FREE Tutoring—Green Room

**Tuesdays** (September-December & January to May—weather permitting) at 9:30am: Quilting Group—Meets in the Parish House. Come and join the fun, even if you're not a quilter.

**Fourth Wednesday of the Month** from 9am-1pm—Soup Kitchen Service, Sister Rose House (formerly St Hedwig's Church), 73 Division St, New Bedford.

**Third Thursday of the month** at 7:00pm: Board of Trustees meeting. Meets in the Historic Room.

**New Meeting Time TBA:** Social Justice Committee — Meets in the Historic Room

**Third Saturday or Sunday of the month:** Dinners for Eight.

### CHURCH STAFF

Karen Andersen, Minister

Yasmin Flefleh-Vincent,  
Director of Religious Ed

Randy Fayan,  
Music Director

Linda Fredette,  
Church Administrator

Tony Gonsalves, Sexton


Vikki McMaster,  
Bookkeeper

Arthur Green,  
Sunday Sexton



# January 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 New Year's Day</p> <p><b>NO WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY</b></p> 	<p>2</p> <p>5:30pm Tai Chi (D)</p> <p>7pm Pride Café (Gr)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am Church Office Re-Opens Today</p> <p>3pm Free Tutoring (P)</p> <p>6:30pm GNBCS (Gr)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>5:30 Culture Park (Gr)</p> <p>7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1-4pm Thrift Shop Open</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6pm Yoga (Gr)</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30am Sunday Choir Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>11am Worship Service (S)</p> <p>12pm Social Hour (P)</p> <p>3pm GNBCS Concert (S)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30pm Tai Chi (D)</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>3pm Free Tutoring (P)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>10am Contra Dance for Kids (Gr)</p> <p>5:30 Culture Park (Gr)</p> <p>7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1-4pm Thrift Shop Open</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6pm Yoga (Gr)</p> <p>8pm Karaoke Fundraiser Night (Gr)</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7pm Ceili (Gr)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30am Sunday Choir Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>11am Worship Service (S)</p> <p>12pm Social Hour (P)</p>	<p>16 MLK Day</p> <p>7pm Pride Café (Gr)</p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED TODAY</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>3pm Free Tutoring (P)</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>5:30 Culture Park (Gr)</p> <p>7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1-4pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7pm Board of Trustees (H)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6pm Yoga (Gr)</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30am Sunday Choir Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>11am Worship Service (S)</p> <p>12pm Social Hour (P)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30pm Tai Chi (D)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30am Quilting Group (P)</p> <p>3pm Free Tutoring (P)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>5:30 Culture Park (Gr)</p> <p>7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)</p> <p><b>SOUP KITCHEN DAY</b></p>	<p>26</p> <p>1-4pm Thrift Shop Open</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6pm Yoga (Gr)</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7pm Ceili (Gr)</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30am Sunday Choir Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>11am Worship Service (S)</p> <p>12pm Social Hour (P)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30pm Tai Chi (D)</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>9:30am Quilting Group (P)</p> <p>3pm Free Tutoring (P)</p>	<p>Feb 1</p> <p>9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>5:30 Culture Park (Gr)</p> <p>7pm Sea Chantey Choir (Gr)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1-4pm Thrift Shop Open</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6pm Yoga (Gr)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am-2pm Thrift Shop Open</p>

 = private/non-church related event

Green Room(Gr), Dining Room(D), Sanctuary(S), Parish House(P), Tryworks Auditorium(T), History Room(H)



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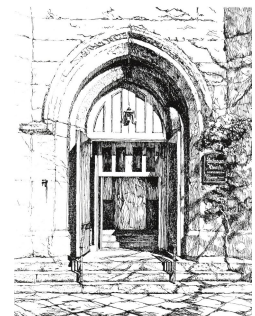
### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST UNITARIAN

#### January

13th-Karaoke Night—8pm in the Green Room. More details soon to come!  
14th-Ceili—7pm in the Green Room  
19th— Board of Trustees Meeting- 7pm in the History Room  
28th-Ceili—7pm in the Green Room

#### February

11th-Ceili—7pm in the Green Room  
12th—Frederick Douglass Read-A-Thon 2-6pm  
16th— Board of Trustees Meeting- 7pm in the History Room



### MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD

Do you have 2 hours each week to play with young homeless children in one of Horizons for Homeless Children's shelter-based Playspaces in New Bedford? Help a homeless child learn, play, and thrive. Upcoming volunteer training 2/7/16 in Brockton. For more info or other training dates visit [www.horizonschildren.org](http://www.horizonschildren.org) or call 508 510-3250. Start off the New Year by giving back.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The "News & Views" goes to print on the third or fourth Tuesday of each month. **The deadline to submit articles into the newsletter is the Friday before it goes to print.** All submissions are reviewed by the editor for content and grammar. **Next "News and Views": January 24, 2017.**