



Kid's Page

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To: The church's young people and their families

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Here are the plans for December 16:

Babies – 3's will have story time and sharing time, snack, and play time.

Pre-K – 1st Grade will make snow people, with a focus on winter.

2nd/3rd Grade will make bird treats as they focus on our seventh UU Principle: "We should care for our planet earth."

4th/5th grade will learn about Clara Barton, a Universalist who was a famous nurse and who was born on Christmas Day.



Middle School will explore diversity within their families, their class, and Unitarian Universalism.

8th Grade will meet with Colleen and their mentors.

Senior High will meet for a "covenant group" discussion about "the call not taken." [Did you ever pass up an opportunity and then regret it?]

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Somehow, not only for Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes back to you."
John Greenleaf Whittier



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Chloe Talley** (Dec. 20, 12 years old), **Emily Pfeiderer** (Dec. 31, 17 years old), and **Makenna & Dylan Brown** (Dec. 31, 3 years old).

POETRY CORNER

The Smell of Christmas

Ummm, the smell of Christmas is everywhere I go,
Evergreens and holly, and pretty mistletoe,
Gingerbread and cookies, and fresh pumpkin pie,
Smoke is in the chimney, curling to the sky.
(author unknown)

My Peppermint Stick

Oh, I took a lick of my peppermint stick,
and I thought it tasted yummy.
It used to be on my Christmas tree,
but I like it better in my tummy.
(author unknown)

A WINTER RIDDLE

Question: What did the snowman and his wife hang over their baby's crib?



COLLEEN'S COLUMN

Thanks to **Sue Lantz** for telling us about the Heifer Project on Sunday, with the story of Faith the Cow and its message that "one person can make a difference." We will be working together to make a difference in the lives of people in other parts of the world by raising money to pay for bee hives and trees. Starting this Sunday, we will be taking up a collection each week during Children's Chapel. One church school student said she will bring in money from her "Charity Bank"—money she saves and sets aside to give away to projects that help others. What a great idea! If you don't have your own bank of savings, you might want to share part of your allowance, if you get one, or save some of your holiday gift money.

In last week's *KIDS PAGE* I wrote about the 4th/5th grade trip to Winnebago County Animal Services, but I forgot to mention that the class raised \$57 to help the animals and the facility. (The money came from making and selling dog treats.) Congratulations to everyone who helped.

I also want to say **thank you** to **Jessica Brown & Kadison Lentz**, from our church school, along with **Troy Brown, Misha Lentz, and Cathy Hill**, who represented our church at the Salvation Army's Toy Drive last Friday. Under the direction of **Jack Armstrong**, our Children's Chapel song leader, this group sang Christmas carols for the people who came to donate toys. Their participation raised \$30 from the Ministers Discretionary Account to add to the fund to buy more toys.

It sounds like many of us are feeling the Christmas spirit! (How about *you?*)



Love, **Colleen**

A WINTER RIDDLE (the answer)

A snow mobile.



PARENTS CORNER

Here is another peace blessing:

"I am now a Center of Peace -
goodness and compassion flow from me.

"Together, We are now a Great Wave of
Peace - goodness and compassion flow from
us.

"Our Children are a Great Ocean of Peace -
goodness and compassion will flow from
them forevermore."

~ From the **Peaceweavers**

JUST FOR FUN

Here is an easy recipe you can make during
the holidays, with little or no help.

Moon Balls (submitted by **Elaine Burstatte**)

Ingredients

- 1 cup corn flakes
- 1 cup powdered milk
- ½ cup peanut butter
- ½ cup honey

- 1) Put the corn flakes in a large zip lock bag. Seal the bag. Use a rolling pin, a drinking glass, or your hands to crunch up the flakes.
- 2) Stir together the remaining ingredients.
- 3) Roll the dough into ½ inch balls.
- 4) Put the balls into the zip lock bag with the crunched up corn flakes. Shake the bag to coat the balls with the flakes.