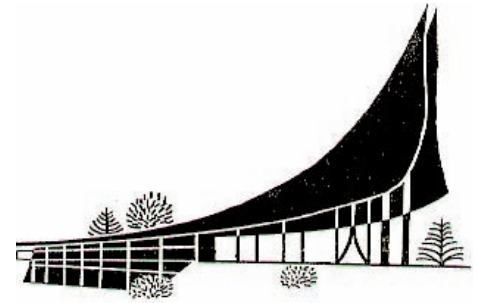


# SOUNDINGS

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**THE NEXT SOUNDINGS DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, DEC. 3**

Nov. 28 - Dec. 18, 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Nov. 28</b> Service: 9 & 11 am No RE Childcare Available BOT Coffee Chat: 10:15 & 12:15 am, Jan's Office  Women of the Bible, Library, ... 4:00 pm	<b>29</b> O&AF Rehearsal ... 7:45 pm	<b>30</b> NVC Practice, Fellowship Rm., ... 7:00 pm  Chamber Choir, Sanctuary, ... 7:45 pm	<b>Dec. 1</b> Chant & Meditation, M.H. ... 7:00 pm	<b>2</b> Youth Choir - 5 pm Finance Com. M.H. ... 5:30 pm Teen Choir - 6 m Bell Choir - 6:45pm Special Projects Choir, ... 8 pm	<b>3</b> Boutique Set Up E.W., ... 10 am SOUNDINGS Deadline: 12 Noon Shawl Ministry, M.H....12:30 pm REEL Justice Film, Sanctuary, ... 7:30 pm	<b>4</b> Boutique Set Up E.W. ... 10 am Mark Morrison- Reed Workshop, Fellowship Rm., Sanctuary, .... 9:00 am Circle Facilitators, M.H., ... 10:00 am
<b>5</b> Service: 9 & 11 am K-6 start in Sanct. BOT Coffee Chat 10:15 am & 12:15 pm Jan's Office Holiday Boutique E.W., 10:15 & 12:15 Book reading: Morrison - Reed, 1:00 pm UN Committee, Chapel, ... 12:30 pm	<b>6</b> O&AF Rehearsal ... 7:45 pm	<b>7</b> NVC Practice, Fellowship Rm., ... 7:00 pm Microfinance, Fellowship Rm., ... 7:30 pm Chamber Choir, Sanctuary, ... 7:45 pm	<b>8</b> SOUNDINGS Mailing - 9:30 am  Chant & Meditation M.H.,... 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> Youth Choir - 5 pm Teen Choir - 6 m Bell Choir - 6:45pm Special Projects Choir, ... 8 pm	<b>10</b> Pageant Rehearsal Sanctuary, ... 4:30 pm	<b>11</b> Newcomer Orientation, Chapel,... 9:30 am Concert Rehearsal, Sanct.... 10:00 am Holiday Potluck, Craft & Caroling , Sanctuary ...5:00pm
<b>12</b> <i>Share the Plate Sunday</i> Worship Service: 9 am Holiday Concert: 11am BOT Coffee Chat 10:15am & 12:15, Jan's Office Holiday Boutique E.W., 10:15 & 12:15 OWL Parent Gr., Library, 12:15 Rainbow Task Fce.,Ch....12:45 Young Adult SGM, Y.R, 7:30pm	<b>13</b> Board of Trustees, Fellowsh. Rm., ..8:00 pm	<b>14</b> Senior Luncheon E.W., ... 11:00 am Social Justice Council, E.W., 7:30 pm	<b>15</b> Chant & Meditation, M.H. ... 7:00 pm  Abolish Death Penalty, Fellowship Rm., ... 7:30 pm	<b>16</b> Teen Choir - 6 m Bell Choir - 6:45pm Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, ... 8:00 pm	<b>17</b> SOUNDINGS Deadline:12 Noon Shawl Ministry, M.H....12:30 pm Pageant Rehearsal, Sanct., ... 4:30 pm	<b>18</b> Small Group Facilitators, Meeting Hse., ... 10:00 am

November 28 ... 9 & 11 am ... **Invasions of Privacy** ..... Frank Hall

*"Privacy: The quality or condition of being secluded from the presence or view of others; free from unsanctioned intrusion: a person's right to privacy." What happens when our privacy is invaded.*

December 5 ... 9 & 11 am **"Torn Between Fuzzy Aspirations and Hard Realities: The Perversity of Embracing Diversity."**  
*Perversity? Rev. Morrison -Reed will talk about why achieving diversity is challenging, he will offer examples of congregations which have succeeded in the effort* **Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed**

December 12 ... 9 am ... **Negotiating the Holiday Season** ..... Frank Hall

*We have to negotiate the holidays in at least two senses: first, to succeed in getting through them - to survive the twists and turns without damaging relationships; and secondly, to negotiate by discussing the ways to 'do them' with family and friends*

11 am ..... **Annual Christmas Concert Service**

*The Annual Christmas Concert service will feature the Special Projects Choir with special guest musicians singing Conrad Susa's Carols and Lullabies from the Southwest, a festive holiday work that will begin your season.*

# Explore Your Whole Wuurld!

Any questions? Send an email to [mcmillane@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmillane@yahoo.com).

## Take in a Seminar at Home!

Webinars are offered by staff of the Central East Regional Group (CERG) and are open to all UUs in the Metro NY District. (CERG combines the districts of Metro New York, Joseph Priestley, Ohio-Meadville, and St. Lawrence to share programming resources.) Consider these upcoming webinars:

- What Me Lead? Learning to Lead in the 21st Century by the Rev. Renee Ruchotzke on November 13 at 9:00 am;
- Social Media 101 by Beth Casebolt on November 16 at 7:00pm;
- From Nominating Committees to Leadership Development Teams by the Rev. Renee Ruchotzke on December 4 at 9am.

For more info, go to: [www.cerguaa.org/webinars.html](http://www.cerguaa.org/webinars.html)

## Immigration as a Moral Issue

Immigration as a Moral Issue is the Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) for 2010-14, which was chosen by delegates to the 2010 General Assembly. To read the CSAI statement, go to:

[www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/152647.shtml](http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/152647.shtml)

The Study Guide is also available. This guide is meant to help UU congregations and individuals think and talk about this complex issue. Section I, organized as a 6-week curriculum, gives a broad overview to the issue.

Section II lists additional organizations and resources that might be helpful to more deeply study and act on this issue. To view the Study Guide, go to: [www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/immigration/studyguide/index.shtml](http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/immigration/studyguide/index.shtml)

## Rev. Dr. Bill Schulz Leads UUSC



The UUSC (UU Service Committee) has named the Rev. Dr. William F. Schulz as the new UUSC president and CEO. Rev. Schulz, former Exec. Director of Amnesty Int'l USA and former president of the

UUA, has served as interim president and CEO since March, following the resignation of former president Charlie Clements, who went on to lead Harvard University's Carr Center for Human Rights Policy.

Those of you who attended Bob Lavender's memorial service may recognize the photo and name as the person who gave a homily on Bob's service to the UUA.

The UUSC is the organization that uses all those contributions you make in the Guest at Your Table boxes!

To see the kinds of work they do, go to: [www.uusc.org/guest/donations](http://www.uusc.org/guest/donations)



*Please join us for a special holiday event!*

## Saturday, December 11

5:00 Holiday Craft - Gingerbread Houses!

6:00 Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner (Bring a hearty dish to share!)

7:00 Ed's Annual Holiday Carol Sing-a-Long!



RSVP to (203) 227-7205 ext. 20 or [ucwevents@gmail.com](mailto:ucwevents@gmail.com)

Be sure to indicate how many people in your family will be making gingerbread houses.

November 22, 2010

Dear Friends,

Jim Luongo chose the play, *Dancing at Lughnasa* (loo-nah-sah) by Irish playwright, Brian Friel; he recruited a wonderful cast and crew, and offered three performances last weekend, each of which was well attended and beautifully and movingly performed.

The story, loosely based on Friel's life in Ireland, is told by Michael, who looks back on his boyhood to when he was seven. The play opens with an adult Michael who says, "When I cast my mind back to that summer of 1936 different kinds of memories offer themselves to me." (Friel was born in 1929, which makes him seven years old in 1936.)

Michael distinguishes between the 'kinds of memories' that offer themselves to him – not simply the variety of things he remembers, but the *kinds* of memories, as he explains in his closing speech: "And so, when I cast my mind back to that summer of 1936, different *kinds of memories* offer themselves to me. But there is one memory of that Lughnasa time that visits me most often; and what fascinates me about that memory is that it owes nothing to fact. In that memory *atmosphere is more real than incident and everything is simultaneously actual and illusory.*" (italics added)

He says, "In that memory, too, the air is nostalgic with the music of the thirties. It drifts in from somewhere far away – a mirage of sound – a dream music that is both heard and imagined; that seems to be both itself and its own echo; a sound so alluring and so mesmeric that the afternoon is bewitched, maybe haunted by it.

"When I remember it, I think of it as dancing. Dancing with eyes half closed because to open them would be to break the spell. Dancing as if language had surrendered to movement – as if this ritual, this wordless ceremony, was now the way to speak, to whisper private and sacred things, to be in touch with some otherness. Dancing as if the very heart of life and all its hopes might be found in those assuaging notes and those hushed rhythms and in those silent and hypnotic movements. Dancing as if language no longer existed because words were no longer necessary ..." The lights are dimmed and the play ends.

This is our season of remembering – from Thanksgiving to Christmas to New Year's Eve. When I cast *my* mind back to my childhood I realize that *atmosphere is more real than actual incidents*; I'm not able to distinguish between the actual experiences I shared with family and friends and the feelings that accompanied the events, the emotions that are attached to them – the emotions which live beneath the surface – that are awakened by remembering, and there's a point where words are neither adequate nor necessary.

Lughnasa is the feast of the pagan god, Lugh, god of the harvest. Memory provides a harvest feast that can assuage the pain of grief and loss – not so much by recalling the actual incidents that are stored in the rational area of the brain, but by calling forth what is stored in the heartfelt region of the mind – the soul, if you will.

May there be quiet times during this hectic, demanding, confusing season when you cast your mind back to heartfelt places where sadness and joy merge as one to heal the soul.

Yours,  
Frank

Winter, Frank Hall

Suddenly, or so it seems,  
Snow, or the threat of a storm --  
Winter sleep...then waking to see the new snow  
Fresh, clean, marveling at the whitewashed world; the snow  
Covering everything, painting bare brown branches  
Evergreens etched in white/Earth, with a soft, silent winter blanket.  
Winter coat, woolen hat, gloves and scarf  
Bundled up to go out into the crisp winter air  
Walking along the wind-whipped shore – brisk and bracing  
Sounds of gulls crying, waiting for low tide  
Scavenging for clams, crabs and mussels – Meals fit for a king.  
Then, home again, glad to be inside looking out  
Sitting with hot chocolate and  
The morning paper, with the Sunday book reviews  
Delivered on Saturday, listing the ten-best-books of the year,  
Ten sure-fire Christmas gifts.  
And some smiles with this week's New Yorker cartoons  
And memories of other winters, other storms,  
Aware of the long winter sleep to come.

### **The Nicest Gifts I Ever Got, Clarke Dewey Wells**

During this season of gift giving, a good exercise is to make a list of the best gifts we ever got. That will tell us what is important, for ourselves and for people we want to give gifts to.

While I remember a Daniel Boone hat and a magician set with special affection, the nicest gifts I ever got are in quite another category; the carillonneur at Rockefeller Chapel who let me strike one of the largest tuned bells in the world during his playing of Ein Feste Burg; my mother giving me a complete Shakespeare for my 14th birthday; coach Al Terry saying, 'Little Wells, grab your bonnet,' and permitting me to enter as a freshman into my first varsity football game; a beautiful lady on a ship when I was still an acned teenager who kissed my face all over and told me she thought I was handsome; Dr. Henry Nelson Wieman telling me he had thought for several hours about a question I had raised and responding with a written answer the next day in front of the whole class; night after night my father playing catch with me in the back yard until it got so dark we couldn't see the ball; a Unitarian minister in Kalamazoo who put his arm around me after my father died and kept it there for a long time; a friend who flew several hundred miles to visit me when I was sick; a buddy who went to see three movies with me on the same day.

The nicest gifts people have given me have been enabling, confirming gifts, bestowing understanding and self-esteem, help in time of trouble and delight for ordinary days.

May I suggest that you, too, draw up your list of the nicest gifts you ever received. I think it will give some perspective to the kinds of gifts we really want to give to others, this Christmas or anytime.

## Perry's Ponderings ...

Last Saturday night at the family candlelight Coming of Age service, after Frank gave an inspiring reflection, the microphone was handed to Alex who was first in line to read her prepared belief statement. She paused, took a deep breath, and said, "After hearing Frank speak my beliefs have changed and I realize these are not my beliefs." Alex went on to eloquently speak about her take on morality and Sophocles' Antigone. The idea that our beliefs are constantly evolving was revealed in all its reality before our eyes.

On a walk one day, Julie asked her son Roy about his take on *The Alchemist*. After an enthusiastic analysis he suddenly stopped and turning to her asked, "Hey, Mom, do you have a personal legend?" During her gratitude statement, Julie told Roy how much it meant to her to share the conversation that followed the question. At the candlelight service, parents and children pause to reflect on what they appreciate about each other. We do not often take that opportunity in life and the moments that night held the feeling of their "unshakeable love" as Jeanne phrased it to her son Eli.

Eli was so affected by the ceremony and Alex's revelation that he had his own light go on and he too changed his well-rehearsed statement before he spoke it, suddenly finding his own voice to express what he believes. In *Dancing at Lughnasa*, performed this weekend, Kate realizes that she must accept her brother Jack's "own distinctive spiritual search." With Carl Serbell as their lead guide, the Coming of Agers went on that search over the last six months and found pieces of their individual answers.

Tess described being stuck when writing her statement because she could not come up with positive answers to religious questions about God and the after-life. However, when she began thinking about what is important in her everyday life, like friendship and happiness, it suddenly became clear. In the play, Father Jack explains that in the African culture he experienced, "there is no distinction between the religious and the secular." Tess discovered that true religion is when we draw meaning from our real lives. Saturday night, feelings shared and personal beliefs were bound in a celebration of the lifelong process of Coming of Age.

## RE CALENDAR

### Sun., Nov. 28

No RE, childcare available

### Sun., Dec. 5

9 & 11am K-6 Start in Sanctuary  
12:30-1pm OWL Parent Group,  
library

### Sat., Dec. 11

5pm Gingerbread House Making  
6pm Holiday Potluck  
7pm Caroling

### Sun., Dec. 12

12:30-1 OWL Parent Group

### Fri., Dec. 17

4:30-6pm Pageant Rehearsal

### HOLIDAY PAGEANT

is open to children in grades 1-8  
Rehearsals on Fridays, Dec. 10 & 17,  
4:30-6pm & Dec. 24, 2pm  
Performance on Dec. 24 at 4pm  
Register your children here:  
<http://uuwestport.org/xmas2010.html>

### Holiday Wreath Sale December 5 & 12



12" Door size \$20.00  
20" Door size \$45.00  
30" Mega size \$75.00

Proceeds will go toward youth  
programs and scholarships

*Youth group put together over 120 toiletry kits for the shelters in Westport and Norwalk. All from travel toiletries donated by the congregation!*



## YOUTH OUTREACH/ Jamie Forbes

### Youth Services Opportunities Project in Washington DC

*(This is tried and true-we went last year and had an amazing week! Most of our youth who went last year are returning.)*

#### When?

Sat., Feb.19 - Sat. Feb 26, 2011

#### Who?

High School youth and adult participants/chaperones

#### What?

YSOP provides volunteers for ongoing programs at service agencies helping homeless and hungry people throughout Washington DC including soup kitchens, food pantries, drop-in centers, and shelters. And.....2 days on either end to attend services at All Souls and to explore our nation's capitol!

#### How much?

(Costs will be defrayed by our very active fundraising leading up to the trip!)

**YSOP program:** \$130 per participant  
Accommodations: \$32 per night per participant at an international hostel near YSOP

**Transportation:** Bolt bus from Penn Station to DC and back \$40  
(Optional-\$40 round trip between Bridgeport and Penn Station)

**Meals:** We will try to eat as economically as possible! \$120 at the most.  
Total Per Participant Costs (before fundraising): \$514 (Last year we raised enough to take \$150 off each person's total cost)

- 1.) Contact Jamie to learn more about this program
- 2.) E-mail back soon if you are interested- [jamie@uuwestport.org](mailto:jamie@uuwestport.org)
- 3.) (Deposit of \$200 due Dec.15)
- 4) Help raise funds for this trip by making or serving Sunday soup!

### UCW Reunion for College Students!

Come to a reunion for all of our former UUWestport youth who are now in college or working (ages 18-22).  
Wednesday, November 22, 7:30 pm.  
Bring some food to share!

## RACIAL JUSTICE WEEKEND EVENTS:

### Friday, DEC. 3

#### REEL JUSTICE MONTHLY FILM SERIES Friday, December 3 at 7:30

##### NEVER TURN BACK: **The Life of Fannie Lou Hamer**

Tracy Sugarman and Bill Buckley's moving story of a valiant heroine of the Civil Rights struggle in Mississippi. Fannie Lou Hamer's courage inspired the poor and voiceless to demand the vote and to finally achieve political power. Her triumph is measured by the Black men and women who now take their rightful seats in City Halls, State Legislatures, and the U.S. Congress. Following the film there will be a discussion with Unitarian minister Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed; Tracy Sugarman, author, illustrator, film maker and chronicler of the Civil Rights Movement; and Bill Buckley, producer of award-winning documentary films for over 35 years. Contact David Vita, david@uuwestport.org or 203.227.7205 x14.

### Saturday, DEC. 4

#### RACIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP with Visiting UU Minister Mark Morrison-Reed Saturday, December 4, 9:00 -3:30 \$15 advanced registration, lunch provided

Maybe you've read it, maybe not, but Reverend Morrison-Reed is in our Hymnal. He's right there on the same page with Gandhi and right after Frederick Douglas, #580.

The title of his Saturday workshop is *Torn Between Fuzzy Aspirations and Hard Realities: The Perversity of Embracing Diversity*. It's about honestly looking at who we are and why we are who we are. About the challenges of diversity—the realities, the aspirations, the successes, and the failures.

But back to #580 because I think it does a pretty good job of explaining why you should come to this workshop.

"The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all. There is a connectedness, a

relationship discovered amid the particulars of our own lives and lives of others. Once felt, it inspires us to act for justice. It is the church that assures us that we are not struggling for justice on our own, but as members of a larger community. The religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen, and our strength too limited to do all that must be done. Together, our vision widens and our strength is renewed."

*For more information or to register, please visit the Unitarian Church website:*

*[http://www.uuwestport.org/mmr\\_info.html](http://www.uuwestport.org/mmr_info.html)*

*Or contact David Vita, david@uuwestport.org or 203.227.7205 x14.*

### Sunday, DEC. 5

#### Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed Book Reading Sunday, December 5 at 1:00

Morrison-Reed's *In Between: Memoir of an Integration Baby* is a frank personal account of growing up black during the era of the Civil Rights movement. As he wrestles with racism, the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., black radicalism, his interracial family, and his experience as one of the first black Unitarian Universalist ministers, he gives voice to the pioneering African Americans who were the first people of color in their neighborhoods, schools, churches and workplaces.

Raised Unitarian Universalist (UU), Mark Morrison-Reed was ordained as a UU minister in 1979. For 26 years, he and his wife, Donna, served as co-ministers—first in Rochester, NY, then in Toronto, ON, Canada. Morrison-Reed's graduate thesis, *Black Pioneers in a White Denomination*, was published in 1984 and is still in print. He is also co-editor, with Jacqui James, of *Been in the Storm So Long*.

Now retired from full-time ministry, Morrison-Reed divides his time between writing and other interests. Most recently, he has been working with Meadville Lombard Theological School to organize and build the library's archive of materials relating to African American involvement in Universalism, Unitarianism and Unitarian

### ECOFEST: Are you interested?

Our Environmental Action Group is planning an Environment Fair for April, 2011-- speakers, a film, vendors, solar panel installers, beekeepers, green products and much, much more. We would love to have your input. Interested? Please contact David Vita, david@uuwestport.org or 203.227.7205 x14.

### COATS GALORE!

Great thanks to those who contributed to the Winter Coat Collection. We gathered over 500 coats, and a gazillion hats, scarves and mittens. Due to your generous and thoughtful donations, many of our neighbors will be warmer and more comfortable this chilly season. Special 'thanks' to Bobby Santiago for helping me deliver several car loads of goods. Thank you all, Lisa McInnis. And THANK YOU Lisa for organizing this!

## Lovely furnished House for rent in Norwalk ...

Well appointed contemporary home in private beach association. Water views. Hot tub. Jan 15-March 15 (with some flexibility) \$2,500 month. Contact Lisa  
Lisa@LMFineGardens.com

## UCW Women's Group

A UCW women's group started about 9 months ago. It's taken on a life of it's own as we spend one evening a month together discussing a variety of topics. All women of the UCW community are invited to join in. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month. Location and facilitator vary from month to month. Regular attendance is not required. Rides generally available.

Due to the holiday this month, we'll be meeting at Julie Fatherly's in Westport on Wednesday Dec 1st. Lisa McInnis will be facilitating. We will be sharing our favorite readings from the Hymnal. Questions? Contact Lisa@LMFineGardens.com  
Contact Gail Harris to have your name added to the mailing list.



## From the Board

**U Matters** - on Sunday November 28th we invite you to the first of our new weekly "U Matters" conversations with members of your Board of Trustees. After each service each week, several members of the Board will be available for 30 minutes of informal conversation in Jan's office. Let us know what is on your mind or ask us whatever you'd like to know about church matters. We plan on being there every week throughout the winter at least. We look forward to talking with you!

**Listening to the Congregation** - Three times this year, the Board would like to invite the entire congregation to ask questions about Church issues in a general session after the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary. The first of these sessions will take place on December 19th.

## Business Matters

Every now and then the office has a rental inquiry that will never work out at this church. A man from a Russian social club inquired about renting the sanctuary for a new year's eve dinner and dance. They had lost their venue from last year (a tip off!). Approximately 100 people involved, he said, and it would be a late evening event. I was thinking 9 pm to 1 am. He had 10 pm to 3 pm in mind! Caterer coming up from Brooklyn. I knew right then that this was not the appropriate rental. Before saying "no" I mentioned that we allow only beer, wine, and Champaign in the building ... no hard liquor. That would not work for them as 90% would want vodka! Of course! We both laughed. He thanked me and I wished him well in finding an appropriate venue.

While that kind of party is not a fit for the church, your's is! A number of congregants have rented church space for parties, birthday celebrations, or for their business, non-profit organization, business workshops and seminars, etc. A year ago the board of trustees approved lower rental rates for events which involve non-profit organizations or congregants. Not only does it benefit the renting party with a break in the rent but also the church as it allows for showcasing the church and its fine worship/spirituality elements, music, RE and Social Justice. People get a real feel for your mission (and passion). It spreads! People try you out on Sunday.

TUCW congregants have rented the sanctuary for birthday parties, sweet sixteen events, dances. The meeting house is a popular venue for more intimate parties (fireplace) yet there is room for a DJ or instrumental group. It is also excellent for workshops and training programs. Need a place for family reunions? Dinners? Think of your church. Last year a large Thanksgiving dinner took place in the east wing and foyer. Many possibilities.

Need more information? Contact me.  
John Carroll  
Business Manager/Church Administrator

## The Holiday Boutique is coming! Sunday, Dec. 5 after both services

We are ready to receive your new or like-new things from your closets and attics to sell at the Boutique on Sunday, December 13.

Bring your donations to the church office.

Jewelry donations should be marked for Barbara Thormalen and Jean Northup.

**"Look for our Silent Auction** items in the foyer on Nov. 28 and Dec. 5!"

*We need helpers on Friday morning, Dec 3, to help display and price our boutique items. Please e-mail Jamie (jamie@uuwestport.org) if you have any time that day. Thank you in advance!*

## The Boxes Are Back!

By popular demand, the little Guest At Your Table boxes, from the UUSC (UU Service Committee) are back!



This year though, think of UUSC as standing for

## UU Supper Conversation!

Just place your Guest At Your Table box on your supper table and let it remind you and your family and friends to connect as you share about the 4 stories offered on the box or really any stories of hope and goodwill.



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Up-coming Events



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG

will take place on Saturday, December 11th. There will be a pot-luck at 6:00 with the sing-along beginning around 7:00.

HOLIDAY PAGEANT

There will be two mandatory rehearsals for everyone involved in the Pageant:

- Friday, Dec. 10, 4:30-6:00
Friday, Dec. 17, 4:30-6:00
Friday, Dec. 24, 2:00 rehearsal and 4:00 Pageant
Sign-up sheet & permission form can be found on our church web site

http://uuwestport.org/xmas2010.html

Please contact Ed Thompson

if you have questions.



The annual HOLIDAY CONCERT/SERVICE will take place on Sunday, December 12th, at 11:00. This year's featured work will be the Conrad Susa "Carols and Lullabies" for choir, soloists, harp, guitar and marimba!



CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

For all those interested in singing on Christmas Eve for the 9:00 pm candle-light service, there will be two rehearsals: Thursday, Dec. 16, 8:00pm and Thursday, Dec. 23 8:00.

Have questions or concerns, please contact Ed Thompson.



The 3rd Annual Chowdafest has a new date - Saturday, February 5...

but the essentials remain the same: popular restaurants compete for your votes & proceeds benefit the CT Food Bank and the Unitarian Church in Westport. To sign up or volunteer, please contact Jim Keenan at chowdafest@optonline.net. For more information, please visit Chowdafest.org.