

December 2021 Newsletter



Hull Unitarian Church

Chamberlain House, Park Street, Hull, HU2 8TA

Advent 2021

All of us at Hull Unitarian Church want to wish you a blessed holiday season, be it Christmas, or Yule, or Winter Solstice, or Hanukkah, or any sense of new beginnings, empowerment of life, and the blessings of light of which inspire you and your family.

As we continue to live in this time of Pandemic, of uncertainty, and of puzzlement. We are searching for ways of moving into being a meeting community once again. In this we have made plans for reinstatement of weekly services, and over the next couple of months for mediation on Thursday to start again, as well as Coffee and Chat Mornings on Friday. Sunday afternoons have become our regular Sunday meeting time, usually at 4pm but once in a while it will shift to later in the day. This gives us several new options for how we can meet and worship.

Recently I was invited to submit a devotional thought to a former congregation in which I served. In reflecting on the power of iconography, in seeing our own faces within the sacred image, I wrote about how this can empower our lives and move us to being and becoming better people.

In many ways this is the dynamic of the Christmas narrative. In the metaphor of God becoming human, we too may become more humane, more compassionate, and yes divine. This can move us to treat one another with justice, being in right relationship with each other (the classic Hebrew understanding of justice). It can allow us to be free of our personal bias, of our prejudices, and our hatred of the unknown other. It can focus us as individuals and as a community to what it means to a people, a community. What Jesus called the realm of God, or as the Beloved Community.

Christmas Carol Service – Sunday December 19

Our Christmas carol service will be held at the church at 4:00 PM on Sunday, the 19th of December. We look forward to seeing everyone there. We'll also be streaming simultaneously over Zoom:

Meeting ID: 829 3497 3721

Passcode: 194962

(See our email for a direct link to the Zoom meeting.)

Covid precautions will be in place. Please note that face coverings are now required by law in places of worship.

Weekly Services

We're intending to start holding weekly services again starting in the new year. These will be held at the Church on Sundays at 4:00 PM. (This may change based on the Covid situation and other factors. More details to follow.)

Coffee Mornings Update

Coffee mornings will be on hold until further notice. We're hoping to come back in the new year with some special guests attending.

Meditation

Our current plan is for weekly Thursday meditation to return in the spring. We'll keep you updated.

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