**Faith Formation**

**December – Theme for the Month –Gratitude**

**Calendar:**

Dec 1 Friday 7:00-9:30 Youth Holiday Party and Yankee Swap

Dec 3 Sunday 10:00 Chapel for all children and youth East Wing Meeting Room

Dec 4 Monday Chalica Begins

Dec 8 Friday 6:00-8:00 Holiday Party Sanctuary

Dec 10 Sunday 10:00 Social Justice - all children and youth E. Wing Meeting Room

 11:15-12:30 Youth Group Meeting Youth Room

Dec 17 Sunday 10:00 Social Justice - all children and youth E. Wing Meeting Room

 11:15 Faith Formation Committee Meeting

Dec 24 Sunday 10:00 No R.E. Everyone is invited to attend service

 5:00 Christmas Eve Service

Dec 31 Sunday 10:00 No R.E. Everyone is invited to attend service

**Calling All Toothbrushes!**

It is the time of year when we bring toothbrushes and tooth paste to church by December 8th. We will decorate and then after Christmas will donate them to the needy.

**All Church Holiday Party Potluck** Friday, December 8th 6:00-8:00pm

Everyone is invited to join us for our yearly holiday party. We will decorate the Christmas tree and the Sanctuary; decorate sugar cookies, and more. Please bring something to share for our potluck dinner.

**Youth Group Holiday Party** Friday, December 1st 7:00-9:30pm

Bring a wrapped present costing less than $10 for the Yankee Swap and a favorite dessert to share with everyone to the party!

W**hat is Chalica**  December 4th – December 11th

Chalica is a weeklong celebration of our [Unitarian Universalist Principles](https://www.uua.org/beliefs/principles/index.shtml). The holiday [first emerged in 2005](http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/153582.shtml) out of a wish to have a holiday organized around Unitarian Universalist values.

Chalica begins on the first Monday in December and lasts seven days. Each day, we light [a chalice](https://www.uua.org/beliefs/chalice/index.shtml) and the day is spent reflecting on the meaning of that day’s principle and doing a good deed that honors that principle. Not all Unitarian Universalists celebrate Chalica, but it has a growing following. There is a Chalica [Facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/UU.Chalica), [blog](http://www.chalica.blogspot.com/), and many Chalica-themed [videos on YouTube](http://www.youtube.com/chalicavids).

In Spirit, Debi

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