



January Calendar



The hybrid model for programming which combines people gathering at the church with others linked in remotely through ZOOM continues. We also have a new technology that we are trying out: a special camera/microphone (OWL) which will allow the people on zoom and at church to see and hear each other better. While the services begin at 10, the zoom room will be open at 9 for those who wish to engage in conversation about a variety of topics and issues.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Presenter/facilitator</i>
January 1	10:00	Look both ways: Reflections on a New Year	Judy Barisonzi
January 8	10:00	Our Stories, Part 3	Pat Barry
January 9	9:00	Board meeting on zoom. Please contact Pat Shifferd for the link.	
January 15	10:00	A Lighter Touch	Dennis Peters
January 22	10:00	Bullies' Justice: <i>Terra Nullius</i> & The Doctrine of Discovery	Kent Shifferd
January 29	10:00	Our UU Seven Principles	Jim Bradley

New Year reflections: The passage from one year to the next is traditionally a time for spiritual reflection. Let us spend this time looking back and forward together. Bring writing and drawing supplies for an interactive hour.

Kent describes the topic of his service: The European conquest of the Americas was aided and abetted by the Doctrine of Discovery, a guilt-eschewing rationalization for the theft of indigenous lands.

Dennis says this about his service: "Sometimes humor is a requirement for our sanity. At other times, we've already gone 'round the bend,' so to speak, and humor is our last cognitive function. You'll have to decide which is the case. I apologize in advance if by the end of this I haven't demolished your favorite beliefs, or alternative "facts." Because there's an important point to remember here: it is a minister's job to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. And most of you look pretty comfortable."

On the January 29th program: The seven principles and six sources of Unitarian Universalism, which are included in Article II of the Bylaws of the Unitarian Universalist Association, are viewed by many of us as essential founding documents of our faith. However, Article II is currently being revised by a special Commission, whose most recent draft proposes eliminating the principles and sources altogether, replacing them with a set of values that focus on dismantling structural racism, building a beloved community, and ensuring accountability from member congregations. In this service, we will examine the origin of the principles and sources in hopes of better understanding the controversy that this proposal has engendered. As time permits, we will also look at the most recent draft from the Article II Commission and consider what position, if any, Blue Hills UU wants to take on this matter, and what action, if any, we wish to engage in.

