

Unitattler

A Newsletter for Families
West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

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A Warm Welcome to West Shore's Newest Families

Please say hello to the following new folks with children and youth in our religious education program:

- Maureen McNulty and Joseph Foley: Jane, Declan
- Sophea Kong: Lili
- Amanda Shelnutt: Emma, Jack
- Dawn and Chris Cwiklinski: Cole, Nickey
- Dondi and Matthew Duffy: Jackson, Tanner
- Molly Hinshaw and Rob Loftis: Caroline, Joey
- John Stryker: Chloe, Wesley
- Julianna and Michael Tauschinger-Dempsey: Liesl, Nathaniel
- Melissa and Ashoka Nautiyal: Dharma, Dhyan

Guest at Your Table

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's annual fund drive to address both national and international emergency relief will kick off on **Sunday, November 22**, with a "noisy" (coins) collection. *GAYT* efforts, including collection boxes and a Rotunda fountain display for coins, will continue through Christmas.

Junior Choir: 40 and Counting!

We are happy to share that 40 children and youth are participating in Junior Choir this year. Junior Choir Director Joe Schafer welcomes all children and youth to the group and is especially pleased with the enthusiasm, talent and support from a growing number of high school youth. The choir will sing at the **November 22** intergenerational services and will offer the congregation a collection of varied, holiday carols between services on **December 13**. Junior Choir practices 10:40 - 11:15, in the Chapel each Sunday.

O, Christmas Tree

ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS are invited to sign up at the RE table this month to help make the wish for a decorated, big, sanctuary tree come true. We need artistic folks to make ornaments (patterns and supplies provided), strong folks to lift, carry and stand the tree, and nimble folks to decorate those high, medium and low branches. Your sign ups to help will be the determining factor in knowing if there is sufficient enthusiasm for continuing this West Shore holiday tradition.





Advent Activities For Children

Children will gather for story, song and crafts on **Sunday, November 29, at 9:30 and 11:15**. No Sunday School classes will be held that day. We will create holiday cards for West Shore UU shut-ins, as well as individual ornaments to take home. Childcare will be provided that morning for infants to pre-kindergarten.

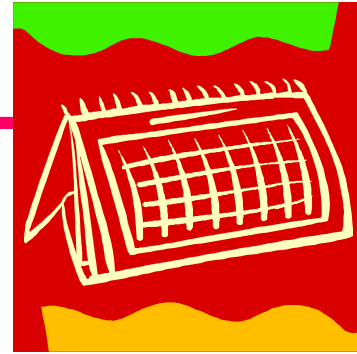
Bake Sale Earns \$321.04 To Help End Hunger!

The efforts of seventh grader Maya Wanner and sixth grader Samantha Horwitz really paid off on Sunday, Oct. 25 when they hosted a Great American Bake Sale, a fundraising event offered through Food Network. Thanks to their initiative and the generosity of West Shore members and friends the two Sunday School students brought in \$321.04 to help end childhood hunger.

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R.E. CALENDAR

Sunday, November 1. Daylight Savings Time Ends!

- 9:30 & 11:15 Sunday School
 Children's Chapel for Grades K-6. *Please send a few coins with your child for the offering*
- 10:40-11:15 Junior Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 3

- 7:30 R.E. Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 8

- 9:30 & 11:15 Sunday School
 10:40-11:15 Junior Choir Practice

Sunday, November 15

- 9:30 & 11:15 Sunday School
 10:40-11:15 Junior Choir Practice

Sunday, November 22

- 9:30 & 11:15 Intergenerational Service
 Childcare for Infants to Pre-K
- 10:40-11:15 Junior Choir

Sunday, November 29

- 9:30 & 11:15 Advent Workshop
 Childcare for Infants to Pre-K

Annual Church Fire Drill

All children, youth and adults, both sessions, exited the building with speed and safety, Sunday, Oct. 4, in less than 2 ½ minutes. A gentle reminder to parents: In keeping with an actual, emergency, exit procedure, we do not return children and youth to the building. Please meet your children behind the church after the drill. Thanks to all for your cooperation.