



# Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Outer Banks

## December 23, 2021

### This Week's Service



**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**  
**In-Person and on Zoom**  
**Christmas Eve at UUCOB!**

Join Revs. David and Gaye Morris and Musician Sherrie Lemnios, and our congregational family in the Meetinghouse and online for a beautiful celebration of the Christmas Nativity story and hope in our own hearts, with carols, readings, and singing by candlelight. We'll be sharing a Child Welcoming ceremony for Magnolia Jane Russell during the service, too! Bring a small plate of cookies to share and swap during a time of fellowship over warm cider after the service.

Our Christmas Eve Offering each year is the foundation for the Allen Valpey Fund and Minister's Discretionary Fund, which Rev. David can use to assist members of our congregation and community.

**Important Reminder:** Due to the continued and increasing spread of Covid in our community, the requirement for masks when we gather as a full congregation remains in place. Please bring your mask for our Christmas Eve service. If you happen to forget, don't turn around and go home! We'll have spares on hand at the Greeter's Table.

To join via Zoom, follow this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84945108473?pwd=bHBITGtPcmdSVnVzREkwQzRGbGZ6UT09>

Meeting ID: 849 4510 8473

Passcode: 370660

Join by phone (audio only): +1 301 715 8592

**NOTE: This Sunday:** To give our Worship Team and Tech Associates a Christmas holiday, there will be no service on Sunday, December 26th. Merry Christmas and Happy Boxing Day!

### Rev. David's Quote of the Week

Rev. David's Quote for the Week: Theologian Howard Thurman (1899 - 1981) wrote this reading, beloved in UU Christmas Eve services:

I will light candles this Christmas,  
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,  
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,  
Candles of courage for fears ever present,  
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,  
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,  
Candles of love to inspire all my living,  
Candles that will burn all year long.

This past year, we've had so much hope for a release from the scourge of Covid and the passing of the shadows of authoritarianism that have grown in our nation. Some of those hopes have been realized; others have not, and it's hard to wait and to work and to trust that all will yet be well.. Yet that is the historic teaching of our faith tradition, and our work to make it so is a profound act of hope and faith. May your candles burn brightly, and may our light grow as steadily as the returning sun after the Winter Solstice.

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From your newsletter editor to all of you:

*Warm wishes for a very happy holiday.*