



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

I've been so thankful for this congregation these past few weeks. The ministry we share grounds me as the news of the world has so much violence and intolerance. Throughout each week we bring light to each other and to the world, and I remember that we are all connected to one another.

In this Season of Light and the many blessings of the world's religions, we will once again be celebrating the holidays with our Annual Holiday Pageant on Sunday, December 20 at 4:00, and with a candlelight and carols family service on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm.

We'll also receive our annual Holiday Offering for the Raquette Valley Habitat for Humanity and the Canton Church and Community Program at our Holiday celebrations -- and, if you're unable to be here in person with us this holiday season, we'll be grateful if you send an offering by mail. These contributions help assure that the needs of our Canton neighbors for food, clothing and shelter will be met during the long winter months

I'm grateful, in this season of light, for your many ministries as a congregation. The outreach and support you have so generously contributed, your time and support for religious education that enlightens the next generation, the light of hope and beauty when you reach out to each other in care and in celebration. For many generations now, you have set an example of enlightenment. And the tradition of this holiday appeal has been a wonderful part of your ministry, too. Thank you for your compassion for families here in the North Country

I'm looking forward to our being together for this year's Holiday Celebrations. And if I don't have the opportunity to tell you in person this year, I wish you much joy for this season. With Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Solstice, Diwali, and so many traditions of light, we have an abundance of spirit that goes beautifully with the advent of the coming new year. And, of course, have a Happy New Year!

Fondly,

Joel