

## Religious Education Reflections

It's that time of year again, the time we go into "overdrive" trying to get everything done that needs doing, going everywhere we need to go and seeing everyone we want to see. It can be a very stressful time for all of us—times of short tempers, long "to do" lists and limited time, never mind all of the commercialism shouting at us from every corner. I hope that we can all take a few minutes each day to reflect on the things for which we are grateful, on the people we love and on the beauty that surrounds us. We have much to appreciate.

Be sure to come to our annual Tree Trimming Celebration on December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 5 pm. We will gather in Dobkin Hall to create ornaments and other decorations that reflect this year's theme of "December Holidays" while we sing carols, drink warm cider and snack on treats that everyone brings to share. Once our ornaments are done, Bob Kurowski will lead us in a musical parade to the Sanctuary, where we will continue to sing while decorating the tree. Our Sing-Along will continue as we admire our work on the tree.

On December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, we will have our annual Christmas Eve Intergenerational Service. This will include a traditional Nativity Pageant, with special music and performers. Our own Cecilia B. DeMille, aka Pearl Weiss, will be sending out a "casting call" via UUNews and the Order of Service, so watch for the notices! We have lots of roles to be filled!

We will not have any Religious Education classes on December 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be only ONE 10:00 am service, and all ages are invited to attend.

Our first grade class still has an opening for a teacher...please contact me: [jnlsmom@aol.com](mailto:jnlsmom@aol.com) if you are interested!

Please remember that all children are the responsibility of their parents once class ends, unless they are in the playground, or involved with a supervised activity.

If your group uses our classrooms, please return the classroom to the way you found it, or as pictured if there is a diagram or photo by the door. We are happy to share our rooms, and we appreciate your assistance in respecting our set-up and projects.

Feel free to contact me with comments, suggestions or observations via email: [jnlsmom@aol.com](mailto:jnlsmom@aol.com). I welcome your input!

Wishing you all a season of peace,  
~Sue