

UU Community Church of Santa Monica
Winter Holiday Services 2018

**Sunday, December 16 at 5:30pm
Solstice Vespers**

Rima Snyder and special guest, Jila Tayefehnowrooz

With music, poetry readings and shared community, we will mark the coming of the longest night of the year. This year we will learn about Yalda, the Iranian celebration of the winter solstice.

**Sunday, December 23 at 9am and 11am
Multigenerational Holiday Pageant "The Star of Bethlehem"
Kathleen Hogue and Margot Page**

Complete with all the characters you know and love including the Friendly Beasts! We, as a Unitarian Universalists need to tell the story of how the birth of a baby in a far away land ignited curiosity, wonder and awe which profoundly changed the world.

**Monday, December 24 at 4pm
“Ring the Bells and Light the Lights” Christmas Eve
Kathleen Hogue and Teri Lucas**

Join us for a multigenerational worship service complete with holiday music, story and ritual. You are invited to bring an ornament (either a bell or a star) to trade with someone else. Our story will be the Sounds of Christmas By Deb Brammer and is very interactive with something for everyone. **PLEASE BRING** an ornament you're willing to part with (perhaps from your personal collection, a new one picked out at a store, or a simple handmade ornament) on the Sunday morning before the services on the 17th or the 24th. Cookies, cider and hot chocolate will follow the service.

**Monday, December 24 at 6 & 8pm
Contemporary Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Rev. Greg Ward, Robin Stillwater and an array of Christmas Eve Associates
Adult Choir led by Saunder Choi**

A particularly dark moment in humanity's existence (a tyrant's oppressive rule) meets an incredibly ordinary event (the birth of a child) to cast a new light into people's lives. During these dark times, this Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols will adapt an old story to modern times. We will imagine what it would look like today if the birth of a child broke the spell of deep seated enmity and polarization. Come to sing, hear stories, light candles and rejoice in the shared calling for everyone to help create Peace on Earth.

**Sunday December 30, One Service Only at 11am
“A Sense of Purpose”**

Rev. Kikanza Nuri-Robins and Leon Henderson-McLennan

This last service of the year will focus on how we make meaning of the old year and how we instill meaning into the new year to come.