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## **Sunday Services 2011**

**12/25 Muriel Chess**, a long-standing member of NCUU, lead us in a traditional Christmas service with carols and the story of the birth of Christ from the Bible.

### **12/18 Earth Centered Spirituality Group: *Winter Solstice Service***

Following the fourth principle of Unitarian Universalism that we believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning, the Earth-Centered Spirituality Group sponsored a service that shed light on traditions different than our own. They offered a *Winter Solstice* service based on perhaps one of the earliest representations of the shifting seasons, the pre-Christian Celtic battle between the Holly King and the Oak King.

As the land turns back toward the light, the Holly King must be defeated, while the Oak King becomes victorious. On one level, this is a symbolic representation of the summer/winter battle of the fight to live through the long dark winter. On another level, it is the internal struggle to balance the light and dark aspects of the human psyche.

The Battle of the Holly King and the Oak King, symbolizing the changing seasons, will be depicted in a light-hearted manner by the NCUU Players. The playful aspect was traditionally part of these community spectacles, teaching the underlying serious concept within a farce. We all learned to appreciate the changing of the seasons in a whole new way.

### **12/11 Judy Siegal: *What the Dreidel Teaches Us: A New Spin on the Chanukah Story***

Judy traced the history of the Chanukah story and related how it affected and influenced world history. She is the president of Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala, a liberal Jewish congregation she helped to form.

### **12/04 Rev Mary Louise DeWolf: *A Humanists Talks with Jesus***

There are many views of Jesus of Nazareth. Rev DeWolf used writings from the *Jesus Seminar* to answer the question, "What did Jesus really say"? She also used the works of Bishop John Shelby Spong, a liberal Christian, who writes of a human Jesus and the new Christianity. We learned how a humanist explores a possible view of Jesus' teachings as a guide for living.

### **11/27 Roy Bradley: *Joy and Happiness***

Roy is a member of NCUU and spoke to us about greeting people and the value of saying great, joy and happiness, and the benefits the church has provided to him personally.

**11/13 [Rev. Amy Carol Webb \(singer, song writer and UU minister\): \*Breaking Light\*](#)**

We took a musical journey opening an entirely different door to the coming holiday season with music from traditions the world over. The service heralded the unity within diversity as humanity celebrated the victory of light over darkness. We saw (and heard) the holidays in a whole new way!

**11/06 [Rev. Janet Onnie: \*Believing is Seeing\*](#)**

Not always do you need to see something to be convinced of its existence. Sometimes you need to believe such a thing is possible before you can see it. The creative act of visioning is played out in the arts and sciences and is a critical factor in meeting the challenges of a changing world. What's your vision?

**10/30 Earth Spirituality Group of NCUU: [Honoring Dia de los Muertos](#)**

The Earth-Centered Group traditionally offers services that shed light on traditions different than our own. On October 30 they focused on the Hispanic/ Latino folk tradition of the *Day of the Dead*. Our fourth principle of Unitarian Universalism is that we believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. *Day of the Dead* invites us to challenge collective ideas about dying, gives voice to those who mourn, and offers comfort through remembering. *Dia de los Meurtos* is a simple ceremony that mixes celebration and mourning; that affirms life and shares grief. It is ultimately about celebrating life. It reminds us of our place in time and our mortality. It reminds us that to live is to create a legacy that endures for generations. Ultimately, then *Dia de los Meurtos* celebrates life.

**10/23 Rodney Cole: *Living the Good Life introducing Scott and Helen Nearing.***

In the final half of their lives these two New Englanders pioneered the back to the land movement. What they said applies even today.

**10/16 [Renee Zenaida:](#) spoke on *Behind the Veil: the Life of Muslim Women***

**10/02 Joan Burnett: [UUA Association Sunday: Celebrating Excellence in Ministries](#)**

**05/01/11 NCUU Earth Centered Spirituality Group**

[Flower Service](#) to celebrate our sense of community.

**We apologize, but other services in 2011 were not chronicled.**