

Date	11am Service	9:45am Adult Forum
December 27	"The Lights and Strings of Christmas" Service Leader: Tim VanderVeen A short service followed by a Holiday Potluck Brunch	NO FORUM

- Our UU Principles**
We covenant to affirm and promote:
- The inherent worth and dignity of every being;
 - Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
 - Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth;
 - A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
 - The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process;
 - The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
 - Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



*Get ready for our
Annual Holiday Brunch*

We welcome friends, guests, and members to this potluck meal. Bring your favorite breakfast food item and join our family of Unitarian Universalists for a Holiday service at 11:00AM, followed by a tasty, family brunch at 11:30.

The MqtUU Meeting House will be accommodating quests for
Room At The Inn for the week of January 3 – 10, 2016!

FROM: gg gordon
An Update on Bethlehem

Israeli killings and raids make for a dark Christmas at Bethlehem refugee camp

BETHLEHEM (The National) 19 Dec by Ben Lynfield — This Christmas season in Bethlehem, death, depression and anger are in the air at ‘Aida refugee camp, three kilometres from Nativity Church. ‘Aida, wedged between Israel’s West Bank separation barrier and an army checkpoint, has been a major flashpoint of clashes during the two-and-a-half-month-old wave of violence known in the Palestinian media as the haba shaabiya or popular rising. At least 126 Palestinians and 19 Israelis have been killed since the beginning of October, according to the Palestinian Ma’an news agency. Five of the Palestinian dead were from the Bethlehem area and two from ‘Aida camp, including *Abdul Rahman Shadi Obeidallah*, 13, who camp residents say was killed by a sniper on October 5 as he stood in the street with friends. A senior army officer said he was killed “unintentionally” as he stood near the target of the gunfire during clashes. In the heart of the camp is a larger-than-life picture of the smiling, brown-eyed boy. “My soul will remain here, chasing the killer and motivating my classmates,” reads the inscription next to Obeidallah’s picture. At a shoe shop just inside the camp, salesman Mohammed Mashtayeh, 19, has Santa Claus slippers on display for the festive season, but no customers. He says frequent clashes have forced him to close for much of the past ten weeks and that fear of violence has scared people away even when the shop is open. . . .

<http://www.thenational.ae/world/middle-east/israeli-killings-and-raids-make-for-a-dark-christmas-at-bethlehem-refugee-camp>

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