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**This is the Church of the Open Mind**  
**This is the Church of the Loving Heart**

**This is the Church of the Helping Hands**  
**This is the Church of the Caring Community**

## Calendar of Church Events

### Thursday, December 8

5:30 pm – Our Neighbor’s Kitchen  
celebrates Hanukkah, Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 10

10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Holiday Bazaar &  
Cookie Sale, Sanctuary & Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 10

10:00 am – 4:00 pm – WHCC Holiday  
Home Tour, Sanctuary

### Saturday, December 10

4:00 pm – Harrisville Brass Quintet,  
Sanctuary

### Mondays

7:45 pm - AA Meeting, Parish Hall

### Tuesday, December 13

7:30 pm – Governing Board Meeting,  
Dial-In (RSVP Jill Sackett)

### Thursday, December 22

5:30 pm – Our Neighbor’s Kitchen  
celebrates Christmas, Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 24

7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service, Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 29

5:30 pm – Our Neighbor’s Kitchen  
celebrates Kwanzaa, Parish Hall

## From Your Editor

As the calendar year draws to a close, Winchendon is alive with activity! Choose from among the many outings listed above at our church alone, or the many other options offered by the town and other organizations. Those claiming “there’s nothing to do in Winchendon” are simply staying at home. Living in a small town means that events are concentrated in an accessible geographic area, and often sponsored by people you recognize, if not befriend. Join up with a friend or family member and venture out to something special this season.

Shop local, explore local, and love living local. Happy New Year.

-Jill Nicholson Sackett - Chair, Governing Board.

## Full House at the Holiday Bazaar

“Something for everyone”...and we mean it! Central Street construction disrupted our fundraising opportunities this past summer, and we are making up for that with an indoor Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 10. Shoppers can browse two floors jam-packed with wares ranging from crafts, locally made foods, and popular lines such as Scentsy and Pampered Chef. All offer attractive packaging and that personal touch only available from a small business owner. Shopping hours are 10:00 am – 2:00 pm which run concurrently with the Historic Home & Building Tour (see below).

Stop on in and find that perfect gift for someone on your list. Your patronage supports our church’s building repairs as well as our local entrepreneurs.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon



*Something for  
Everyone!*  
**Saturday,  
December 10**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
126 Central Street  
**Shop Local! Two Floors of Vendors!**  
**Crafts Gift Items Bake Sale**

To pre-order baked goods or learn more, visit  
[uucw.ncmuuc.org](https://uucw.ncmuuc.org)

## Order Now! 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Cookie Sale

Our bakers are resting up for a flurry of production next week as cookie pre-orders are rolling in. Choose from classic iced, triple chocolate chip, peppermint plunge, snickerdoodles, or a “variety” sampler. At \$7 – 8 per dozen you can’t get a better deal for delicious, freshly-baked, preservative-free treats. Those who pre-pay will receive complimentary gift-wrapping. Order now through December 9 at our website:

<https://uucw.ncmuuc.org/order-your-cookies-here/>

Pick up your cookie order during the Holiday Bazaar hours on December 10 or by other appointment. Bazaar shoppers can also just stop in that day and buy cookies – we’ll have plenty of extras on hand.

## 2022 Holiday House Tour

UUCW is happy once again to be included in the biannual Holiday House Tour sponsored by the Winchendon History and Cultural Center. Tour hours run on Saturday, December 10, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Our lovely sanctuary is fully decorated for the holidays. Entrance to our sanctuary and tour is always free. However, those wishing to tour the multiple well decorated homes around town may

purchase tickets the day of the tour at the Murdock Whitney, 151 Front St, The Isaac Morse, 135 Front St, or the Old Centre Church, 30 Old Centre. Price is \$25. Kids 14 and under are free.

## Harrisville Brass Quintet

No day of festivities is complete without music! On Saturday December 10 we're featuring the Holiday Bazaar, sanctuary tours as part of the 2022 Holiday Home Tour, *and* our popular cookie sale. To top it all off, we're hosting the Harrisville Brass Quintet at 4:00 pm. HBQ will present a medley of popular classical and seasonal tunes in the decorated sanctuary of our church. This fine ensemble is comprised of two trumpets, French horn, trombone and tuba, and includes members of Winchendon Winds.

*Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon*  
presents  
**A Holiday Concert**  
featuring  
THE  
**HARRISVILLE  
BRASS  
QUINTET**  
*free to the public!*  
sanctuary is fully accessible  
Saturday, December 10 4:00 p.m.  
126 Central Street, Winchendon



The Harrisville Brass Quintet, based in Harrisville, NH. From left to right: Rick Anderson, Trumpet - Keene, NH; Chen Goding, Trombone - Springfield, VT; Larry Jones, Tuba - Winchendon, VT; Kevin Christian, French Horn - Browningsville, NH; Bob Conrado, Trumpet - Harrisville, NH.

Sponsored by:  
Winchendon  
Cultural  
Council

Admission is free, thanks to the Winchendon Cultural Council. Get a “classic” jump-start to your holidays!

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

On Christmas Eve, December 24, at 7:00 pm the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon will hold our annual Candlelight Service. Rev. Inanna Arthen will lead the service with the traditional Christmas story, carols and a homily. Sharon Beaty will play our 1868 pipe organ.

UUCW has been following the candlelight tradition for decades. The ritual of sharing candlelight amongst those gathered has multiple meanings. For some, it symbolizes the Star of Bethlehem, or the light of Jesus. For others, it represents the reassurance of illumination during one of the shortest and darkest days of the year. And yet others see the passing of light as a way of sharing a common bond of fellowship. For all, it is a magical moment of contemplation and peace.

Join us on Christmas Eve. Pass the light, and pass your friendship.



## Our Neighbor's Kitchen Celebrates Three Holidays

Our Neighbor's Kitchen is serving up a trifecta of celebratory dinners this month. Diners will be treated to three different traditions featuring unique menus and music. On December 8 we'll herald Hanukkah with a special dinner of roasted chicken, latkes (potato pancakes) and sweet kugel (noodle dish). Perhaps there will be a dreidel or two on the tables? On December 22 we'll put on a Christmas feast. On December 29 we'll celebrate Kwanzaa with an exploration of African foods. We're still organizing these special menus; please visit our main website listed below for details closer to the dinner dates.

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## Spirit of Christmas Toy Drive Collects a Trunkload

The damp, raw weather on Friday following Thanksgiving did not deter the Gordon family from turning out in full regalia for our annual Spirit of Christmas Toy Drive. Local DJ Kayden Gordon broadcasted cheerful holiday music across our front lawn, while a festive group of holiday characters and Santa himself waved to passers-by and accepted generous donations of toys and games. We delivered all donations to the Community Action Committee as part of the larger toy drive sponsored annually by the Winchendon Fire Department.

We thank the Gordon family and friends for braving the elements and those that dropped off donations. You've brightened someone's day!

