

**Ashby First Parish Church**  
**Unitarian Universalist**

December 13, 2009

Candle Lighting & Silent Meditation

~ Gathering the Community ~

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Abby Haines

Call to Worship works by Albert Niles

Chalice Lighting “Out of the Stars we Have Come”  
by Robert Weston

Lighting of the Advent Candles Kellan Morgan

Lighting of the Solstice Candles

• Singing “The Morning Hangs a Signal”  
#40 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

• Congregational Affirmation Laurel Haines  
by Clark Greene ◊

We gather to build community, because we know that people  
need to give and receive love.

We gather to worship, because we hunger for the sacred.

We gather to dedicate ourselves to service, because service is  
the active expression of our beliefs and talents.

We gather to celebrate the power and wonder of Mystery.

• Singing “Doxology”  
From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let songs of hope and faith arise.  
Let peace, good will on earth be sung.  
Through every land by every tongue.

~ Making Our Offerings ~

Offering our Joys and Concerns Laurel Haines

Prayer words by Sue Ayer

Story for All Ages “Night Tree” Kellan Morgan

Offertory Kellan Morgan, Laurel Haines

~ Sharing Words ~

Reading “Source of Life and Death” Kellan Morgan  
by Richard M. Fewkes

• Singing “Wonders Still the World Shall Witness”  
#139 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

Sermon “Transcendent Wonder and Mystery”  
Creation/the Past Abby Haines  
Life/the Present Kellan Morgan  
Death/the Future Laurel Haines

~ Sending the Community Forth ~

• Singing “We Would Be One”  
#318 *Singing the Living Tradition* (gray)

• Benediction “What would life be like without wonder?”  
Laurel Haines

Postlude

Abby Haines, Kellan Morgan, Laurel Haines,  
Speakers & Musicians  
The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth M. Strong, Minister  
Stephan Arsenault, Piano

• Please rise if you are able.  
◊ Unitarian Universalist.

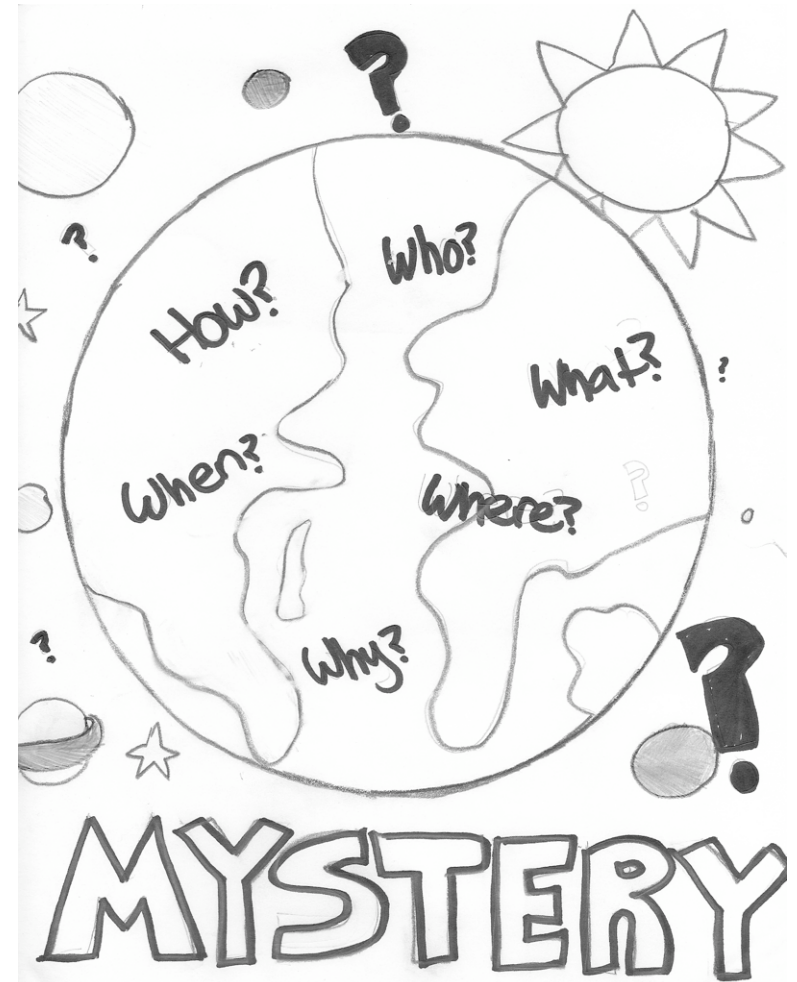
## Announcements & Reminders

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Sun	today	11:00 am	Social time in the Parish Hall
Sun	Dec 20	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
		10:00 am	Worship Service by Cedwyn Morgan musicians: Lizards in the Hayloft
Thu	Dec 24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service by the Rev. Elizabeth Strong and the Rev. Douglas A. Taylor, Minister, UU Church of Binghamton, NY Our annual Christmas Eve service features a Nativity Pageant, with special music by Brin Taylor (harp), Laurel Haines (flute), Abigail Haines (oboe), and Kellen Morgan (saxophone). A candlelight circle closes our evening together. musician: Stephan Arsenault
Sun	Dec 27	10:00 am	Open Sunday – a quiet morning of fellowship and reflection, with no formal church service. Participants gather in the sanctuary to share stories, poetry and music on the theme of the service. All ages welcome.
Sun	Jan 3	10:00 am	Worship Service by the Rev. Elizabeth Strong
Mon	Jan 4	7:30 pm	Parish Committee meeting – all are welcome
Sun	Jan 10	10:00 am	Worship Service
Mon	Jan 11	5:00 pm	Serve dinner at Our Father’s House shelter in Fitchburg. Contact Kathy Becker to offer food or help serving.
Sun	Jan 17	10:00 am	Worship Service by the Rev. Elizabeth Strong
Sun	Jan 24	10:00 am	Worship Service: “UU Perspective on the Holy Land” by Mark Haines

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