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UU Urban Ministry e-News

A monthly electronic newsletter of your UU Urban Ministry



Dear Linda,

Just as Thanksgiving is a wonderful opportunity to break bread with community, Wednesday nights are community building nights at the UU Urban Ministry. Each week a different volunteer group cooks dinner for about thirty students and volunteer tutors. After dinner volunteers enjoy getting to know our students and staff over games, chatter, and laughter. This is a great opportunity for small group ministries, families, men's or women's groups, or social action teams to get involved at the UU Urban Ministry. If you have a group who might like to be our guest chefs for the night, please get in touch and we can give you a list of available dates. We can even help you with your menu planning! To our many cooking groups and all our supporters...Thank You!



See you at dinner!

Rev. Kate Wilkinson
Coordinator of Congregational Outreach
and Volunteers

If you have questions or want to respond to any of the announcements in the e-newsletter below, please contact Rev. Kate Wilkinson at 617-318-6010 x214 or kwilkinson@uum.org.

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"Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action."

-W.J. Cameron

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Roxbury Youth Programs Holiday Party Saturday, December 17 1-4 pm

at the UU Urban Ministry
Students, families, and volunteers of all of our Roxbury Youth Programs are welcome to join in the fun at our annual holiday party.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Special Event Sunday, January 15

Two Parts, Afternoon and Evening Timing TBD

Join us for a two-part event honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The afternoon panel discussion will feature community members, scholars, and youth reflecting on the film *The Letter* about a controversy over newly arriving Somali refugees in a small city in Maine. Following a light supper the event will continue with an evening of entertainment by a diversity of performance groups.

RENEWAL HOUSE

an emergency domestic violence shelter

Volunteer Opportunities:

Thank You First Lady

Diane Patrick

Thank you to everyone who made our Spark event such a success! The performance was moving and engaging and we were able to raise enough to match our challenge grant from the John and Geraldine Weil Foundation! A special thanks to

Massachusetts First Lady Diane Patrick whose participation in the production made the evening even more special.



Other Needs:

Renewal House is in need of basic toiletries (regular size) and twin size blankets and comforters (new or gently used). For a current list of other helpful donations, please visit our [Renewal House Needs](#) page. Thank you!

ROXBURY YOUTH PROGRAMS

after-school programming serving middle and high school youth

Volunteer Opportunities:

Holiday Craft Tables

Saturday, December 17



1-2:30pm

Join us at our Holiday Party for RYP youth and families! The first half of our celebration is a Santa's Workshop where children can make gifts and holiday treats. Can you lead a craft table at this great event?



Friday Field Trips

Fridays are fun days at Roxbury Youth Programs. We are in need of sponsors and ideas for afternoon field trips for middle school students and evening field trips for high school students.

RYP WEEKEND: EXPLORER'S CLUB

a weekend and summer enrichment program for elementary and middle school children

Volunteer Opportunities:

Holiday Craft Tables

Saturday, December 17

1-2:30pm

Join us at our Holiday Party for RYP youth and families! The above mentioned Santa's Workshop will engage youth of all ages, from Explorer's Club elementary school students to our high school teens. Can you lead a craft table at this great event?



Lead/Sponsor an Explorer's Club

**10 a.m. - 12 noon on any of the following Saturdays:
12/10, 1/14, and 4/14**

Think about the kind of fun enrichment activities your congregation, youth group, committee, or small group ministry could offer a group of 25-30 elementary school aged children! We welcome your ideas. In particular, we would love to have science-, craft-, and health-related Explorer's Clubs. And maybe a fun field day next spring! Want to do something, but not sure what? Contact Rev. Kate Wilkinson for suggestions. kwilkinson@uum.org or 617-318-6010 x214.

Become a Mentor

A critical and meaningful component of Explorer's Club is mentoring...and we need more mentors! If you are interested in mentoring, please fill out our [online application](#). Please also plan to regularly attend Explorer's Clubs, which are held one

Saturday a month. It's very important for you to get to know the program, staff, and, of course, children (and for us to get to know you) before becoming a mentor.

UNITED SOULS

a support group and network for men in transition

On-going Event:

Weekly Meetings

Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

All men are welcome to attend.

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Sincerely,

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