



# UUCH NEWS

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Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Hillsborough

Have a Happy,  
Healthy New Year

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## Minister's Mutterings

January is a time when "beginning anew" is on many people's minds. We yearn for fresh starts and clean slates. Sometimes we find ourselves in the New Year bearing all the encrustations of our time worn past without sufficient motivation to carry through on new resolutions. Other times, if it's change we truly can believe in (to borrow a phrase), we find the motivation we need to carry through to the other side. When I was considering whether to ask this congregation to renew my contract as your minister, I reflected on what was motivating me to do that. I thought about the wonderful energy I feel on Sunday mornings, and the relationships we are beginning to build. I thought about programs I'd like to start and the ways I'd like to become more involved in the Hillsborough community. UUCH is really a gem of a congregation, and I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to continue serving as your minister. Like most gems, it has its rough edges too, providing both challenges and opportunities for "change we can believe in."

Something new I intend to begin this spring is a series of sessions I'm calling the *Membership Development Program*. The "program" or sessions are built on the philosophy that the process of membership in a congregation should be a gradual progression from lesser to greater commitment to our community. The intention of the program is to provide the necessary information, skills, and motivation to members interested in moving from one level of commitment to the next. At the same time, we want to be intentional about showing our care and concern for each member, regardless of your level of involvement, and commit ourselves to partnering with each of you to make your experience of our community as meaningful as possible.

The program I envision will have four 2-3 hour sessions. *Discovering Membership* will be for those Sunday morning attendees and friends who are interested in pursuing membership. This session will focus on

Unitarian Universalism, how UUCH works, and the benefits and responsibilities of membership. *Discovering Your Ministry at UUCH* will be for those interested in working with a task force or committee. This session will focus on the necessary functions of a strong, healthy congregation and the ways in which UUCH fills those needs. The focus will be on empowering members to use their passions and skills, not on filling vacant committee positions. *Leadership Development at UUCH* will be for those interested in serving as committee chairs or members of the Coordinating Council. This session will focus on communicating established standards, skills, and guidelines to our congregational leaders. The *Spiritual Deepening* session is for anyone and everyone. This session takes into consideration that, while we come from diverse theological perspectives, there are practices that are common to many faith traditions. The goal, therefore, will be to introduce some practices that participants can use to deepen their own theological and spiritual perspectives.

My plan is to develop this program over the next several months, beginning with the *Discovering Membership* session on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. New members, old members, and not-yet members are welcome to attend. Look for the sign-up sheet that will be posted in the church foyer.

And for the children, we will begin having children's worship services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in one of the classrooms. This will give me an opportunity to get to know the children better, and give the children an opportunity to see what a full worship service looks like. I look forward to sharing this brand new year with you!

Rev. Patty Hanneman

**COW**

The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held January 25, 2009 at 12 noon following the morning program and coffee time. The agenda will include:

- the proposed budget for the coming church year, and
- the approval of Patty Hanneman's new contract

There will be pizza for all as well as soft drinks and childcare will be provided.

**Sunday Services****January 4*****"A Celebration of Births and Remembrance of Deaths"***  
**Rev. Patty Hanneman**

Our traditional first- Sunday-of-the-New-Year celebration, presented by Pal Palmore and Patty Hanneman. The service will follow our first Sunday brunch.

**January 11*****Gaia, Mother Earth and the Oneness of Everything - A worship service with musician Jim Scott***

Jim intersperses original songs and readings with his personal reflections on a spiritual ecological awareness. The idea of Mother Earth or "Gaia" being a living organism with the same physical attributes (heart, lungs, circulatory system) as humans leads us to a deeper connection with our life support system. Churches can offer the "spiritual response" so timely now, as "the spirit of life on earth is in crisis." Jim's uplifting songs provide the balance to the "wake up call," leaving participants with a vision and inspiration to take the healing into our own hands. Former Co Chair of the UU Ministry for the Earth, Jim helped create the "Green Sanctuary" program now undertaken by many UU congregations. His songs of earth have educated and inspired audiences across the US and the world and his "Earth and Spirit Songbook," supported by a grant from the Fund for Unitarian Universalism, is becoming widely acclaimed by UU congregations.

**January 18*****"Creating the Change We Seek" - Rev. Patty Hanneman***

Now that the elections are over, what are our responsibilities as active citizens? We will reflect on the mood of the nation on this Sunday before Inauguration Day.

**January 25*****Jesus swept - James Protzman***

James Protzman is a Chapel Hill writer and 30 year resident of Orange County. Though raised in the Southern Baptist church, James eventually found his way into the UU fold. *Jesus Swept*, his first novel, takes a light-hearted look at religion, offering a philosophy of life you can put on a bumper sticker: Do good. Be nice. Have fun. His book will be available for sale at a price of \$12.00 of which \$6.00 will go to UUCH.

**February 1*****"Relationships as Spiritual Practice" - Rev. Patty Hanneman***

The weeks leading up to Valentine's Day are often filled with romantic visions of love, but relationships are hard work. They also provide rich lessons for growing us spiritually. The service will follow our first Sunday brunch.

**Celebrate the Circle Services****January 4*****Learning Circle - Cultural Wheel of the Year - Neolithic, 4 p.m.***

Facilitated by Dan Campbell

**January 11*****Learning Circle - Quick & Dirty Divination, 4 p.m.***

Facilitated by Stacey

**January 18*****Learning Circle - Self Guided Meditation in the Woods, 4 p.m.***

The ritual circle on the church grounds is available for meditation and communing with Nature.

**January 25*****Learning Circle - Cooking for the Season, 5 p.m.***

Facilitated by Ashley

**December COW**

Those of you who were not at our December 7, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting missed one of the most powerful, and uplifting meetings this congregation has seen in a long time. There are too many details to go into here, but when the presentation of our financial situation and the reality of seeing Patty have to leave when her contract expired at the end of March, the energy level surged in the room. To paraphrase the mood and sentiments expressed would go something like this "YOU MEAN WE WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP HAVING PATTY?" The next thing was "HOW MUCH DO WE NEED TO KEEP HER?" It was suggested to have a pledge drive to have everyone increase their pledges. Lori Drozdyk asked why wait, why not start right then. We did and increased the pledged amount by over \$19,000. We still have some outstanding pledges as well as members who could still increase their pledges significantly. With what was raised on the seventh added to the pledges to date. It was agreed by consensus to amend the CoCo's recommendation that we honor Patty's contract through March 2009 and commit ourselves to writing a new contract with her to extend through the middle of Summer 2010.

The positive energy the sense of purpose and hope that was in the room was an indication to us that UUCH is on the way up. We still need more pledges and pledge increases, but we know we will win. Have you made that commitment?

**Guest at Your Table Boxes**

The UUSC Guest at Your Table boxes have been distributed by the children. Fill it with your spare coins (and dollars) for the work of the UUSC to reduce hunger and injustice around the world. Please return them the first or second Sunday in January.

Any questions? Contact Pal Palmore ([epalmore@nc.rr.com](mailto:epalmore@nc.rr.com)) or 919-321-8668.

## Newsletter Deadline is January 18<sup>th</sup>

**Yesterday was the deadline on all complaints.**

### Spotlight Focus

#### Finance Committee

The UUCH Finance Committee monitors and promotes the financial health of the congregation and executes routine financial tasks such as receiving collections at each service, depositing collections and other revenue, and writing checks to pay bills, reimburse members and friends, and support activities in the community.

The committee has a central role in the congregation's budget process. Funding requests are submitted to Finance, which correlates and summarizes them for consideration by the CoCo. At the same time, the committee receives pledges from members and friends and calculates next year's anticipated revenue for the CoCo. During the process, the committee provides information and advice to the CoCo which helps in formulating the budget that is ultimately submitted to the COW. The committee also oversees the congregation's reserve funds and deposit accounts, advising the CoCo about use of the reserved funds. An updated budget report is submitted and discussed at each CoCo meeting. The committee manages the congregation's financial software, recording contributions and expenses, updating contributors and payees, changing accounting parameters when necessary, and backing up the database to protect against loss of data.

Current members are Carolyn Rhode, Treasurer; Dick Merritt, CoCo Representative; Mike Rosenthal; and Ken Traynham. When Ken leaves the committee on January 31, the three members remaining will be below the committee's critical mass. It will be

very difficult to accomplish all the necessary financial tasks. If you have any interest in the congregation's financial health, the committee would like to talk to you. Recruits are desperately needed to take up the Sunday collections and write checks. Assistance with the other tasks would also be very welcome. The committee meets monthly, currently on the first Wednesday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. If you can manage a checkbook and enter data on a computer, you are qualified. The committee will teach you everything else you need to know. Please see Carolyn, Dick, Mike, or Ken for more information.

*Your Merry Christmas may depend on what others do for you. But your Happy New Year depends on what you do for others. Anonymous*

### Committee News

#### Coordinating Council (CoCo)

The Coordinating Council (CoCo) needs a new secretary starting in January 2009. Lance Brown has been doing this job for the last several years, but feels he must resign due to time constraints and other areas needing his attention. We will miss him and we all owe him a word of thanks. The secretary's position would be a great opportunity for one of our newer members to join the leadership team, or one of our younger members could do so AND help us gain some age balance in the CoCo.

The position of secretary is an important part of the CoCo. The keeping of accurate minutes for both the CoCo and the Committee of the Whole (COW) the wording of proposals, their approval or rejection; and keeping a current membership list are some of the responsibilities of the secretary. The secretary is a voting member of the CoCo and must be approved by the Committee of the Whole. Our next COW is to be held January 25, 2009, but we need a

secretary (approval pending) before then because we have a CoCo meeting the second Wednesday of each month and we will need a secretary for the January 14, 2009 meeting. To be able to listen and type at the same time would be great, but not necessary for the job.

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Good at business? Good with numbers? There is a great need for new committee members on the Finance Committee. Ken Traynham is leaving the committee in January and we need other good people to replace him and have more on the committee. (New members, younger members – hint-hint, nudge-nudge.)

The pledge drive is almost over. Most members and friends have responded and the comment cards have been collected and a summary prepared. For those interested in seeing what the congregation has to say about what is good, bad, is needed, is not needed, etc. will find printed copies of the results on a table in the entrance hallway.

#### Membership Committee

Our Membership Committee has some exciting plans for the new year. First we plan to update the photo board in the lobby. We hope to get new pictures of all our members, labeled with our names, so it will be easier to get to know each other. We will be starting at the services in January so bring your special smiles for the camera. Joanne Dobbs.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>January 2009 Calendar</b>				<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>A Celebration of Births and Remembrance of Deaths</b> <b>1st Sunday Brunch</b> <b>Learning Circle - Cultural Wheel of the Year – Neolithic, 4 p.m.</b> Program Committee 12:15 p.m. Amelia Earhart Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Epiphany	<b>7</b> Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m. Islamic Ashura	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Save the Eagles Day
<b>11</b> <b>Gaia, Mother Earth and The Oneness of Everything</b> <b>Learning Circle - Quick &amp; Dirty Divination, 4 p.m.</b> Welcoming Congregation Committee, 9 a.m. Building & Grounds 12 noon	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> UUCHorale rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.	<b>14</b> Coordinating Council 7:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Ben Franklin's Birthday
<b>18</b> <b>Creating the Change We Seek</b> <b>Learning Circle - Self Guided Meditation in the Woods, 4 p.m.</b> Religious Education Committee, 9:30 a.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> President's Inauguration Day	<b>21</b> Membership Committee, 7 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Jesus swept</b> <b>Learning Circle - Cooking for the Season, 4 p.m.</b> <b>COW 12 noon</b> Green Sanctuary Committee 9 a.m.	<b>26</b> Chinese New Year	<b>27</b> UUCHorale rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.	<b>28</b> Christa McAuliffe Day	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
				<b>OCIM Food of the Month</b> <b>Beef Stew and Chicken &amp; Dumplings</b>		

**NOTE:**  
This calendar is used for letting members and friends know what is happening at UUCH, i.e. committee meetings, COWs, and services. To rent/reserve a space at UUCH or see what space is available to be rented go to this link: <http://www.uuchnc.org/rentals.html>.



**Communications Deadlines**

**Bulletin**

Deadline is Wednesday at 9 p.m. Please put "Bulletin" in the subject line, and e-mail as plain text to Terry Schneider at

[UUCH@lambda76.us](mailto:UUCH@lambda76.us)

**Newsletter**

Deadline is the 18th of the month. Please put "newsletter article" in the subject line, and e-mail as plain text to Nancy Staton ([maxiecat@verizon.net](mailto:maxiecat@verizon.net)).

**Announcements E-mail List**

UUCH e-mails out announcements and upcoming events. To subscribe/unsubscribe, visit [www.uuchnc.org/mailman/listinfo/announcements](http://www.uuchnc.org/mailman/listinfo/announcements) and follow the instructions. Please ensure that your e-mail program will accept messages from the uuchnc.org address.

**UUCH Website**

([www.uuchnc.org](http://www.uuchnc.org)) send info to [webmaster@uuchnc.org](mailto:webmaster@uuchnc.org).

**Newsletter Deadline**

The newsletter deadline for the February newsletter is January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

When you send an article for the newsletter, type it with no special formatting, i.e. special fonts, extra paragraph returns, boldface text, all caps. I'll do the formatting when I place it in the newsletter. Thanks. Nancy Staton

**Newsletter Mailings**

If you are receiving the newsletter via mail, please consider having it sent to you via e-mail. It would help with the cost of producing the newsletter every month because the ones sent by mail includes stamps, labels, paper and the cost of printing it. If you would like to help your church save money this is one way to do it and a bonus is that we help save trees because we

won't need to use as much paper. AND the email version is in color! Just send an e-mail to [maxiecat@verizon.net](mailto:maxiecat@verizon.net).

**Habitat Begins 2009 Build**

UUCH has joined with 11 other churches to do an "Apostle Build" in 2009. (We will be the "Doubting Thomas" apostle :-)) We are signed up to work on three Saturday afternoons: Jan. 24, Feb. 14, and March 14, starting at 1:00 PM. The house will be on Terrell Rd., Site # 533.

On Jan. 24, we will probably be raising the walls, which is an exciting thing to participate in. Please let me know if you will help us out and I will send you directions. (It's just South of I-70 by-pass near the intersection of Faucette Mill Rd, Cornelius St., and Revere Rd.)

I look forward to working with you to provide decent housing for the Cruz-Sanchez family with their three children. Pal Palmore (321-8668 or [epalmore@nc.rr.com](mailto:epalmore@nc.rr.com))

*Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Walk tall, and smile more. You'll look ten years younger. Don't be afraid to say, 'I love you'. Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world. Ann Landers*

**UUCH January 11, 2009**

Jim Scott is visiting UUCH January 11, 2009

Over the past 24 years Jim Scott has visited approximately 500 UU Churches across the US, Canada and UK, leading services, providing special music for services, presenting benefit concerts, and offering workshops. His new CD, "Gather the Spirit"

features many of his songs included in the UU Hymnbook and the new "Singing the Journey" songbook. "Gather the Spirit" has become one of the most used hymns across the denomination and Jim's music is sung from church choirs to campfires. Formerly the Co-Chair of the UU Ministry for the Earth, Jim helped create the "Green Sanctuary" program. He was awarded a grant from the Fund for Unitarian Universalism to create "The Earth and Spirit Songbook," a collection of over 100 songs of earth and peace by many contemporary composers, providing worship and RE materials that celebrate these ideals. A past board member of the UU Musicians' Network as well, Jim has long been at the forefront of the movement for new music in the denomination. Years of activism are reflected in Jim's work. His songs, poetry and short stories address issues of ecology, justice and peace with insight and gentle wit. As a member of the Paul Winter Consort, Jim was co-creator of the monumental choral work /Missa Gaia/Earth Mass/. His list of published choral works continues to grow and his musical creativity includes soundtracks for PBS, a stage musical, and many recordings of songs. Jim's musical-activist journeys have included concert collaborations with renowned Jazz, Classical, and Folk artists as well as numerous concerts with choirs. He regularly performs his engaging songs for children in schools and intergenerational concerts.

**TJD News**

It is a somewhat bittersweet season, I think. There is, as ever, much to celebrate with joy and gratitude, but there are also folks who are out of work or worried about their resources. There is continuing war in our world, and there are numerous tasks yet to be completed in our many areas of on-going concern, including full gender equality, fair treatment of GLBTQ persons and a fair living wage for all peoples.

<http://www.uuchnc.org>

As we prepare to inaugurate a new President whose message is one of hope, I pray that each of you will find and hold an ample measure of hope in this season of light. Indeed, may we, individually and collectively, be a warming beam of light and hope to those around us and to our world in the days and weeks immediately ahead.

I'll hope to see you in the new year, as we continue the work of this wonderful association together.

Thank you sincerely for all your help and support throughout this tremulous year.

Yours in faith, Annette Marquis  
**Charlotte Youth Conference**

The annual Charlotte Youth Conference (CON) will be held February 6 - 8, 2009 at UU Church of Charlotte, 234 North Sharon Amity Road, Charlotte, NC 28211. DRE Kathleen Carpenter, [kcruucc@yahoo.com](mailto:kcruucc@yahoo.com), 704.366.8623 x225, is the contact person. A registration form is available at [www.uuccharlotte.org](http://www.uuccharlotte.org).

And, finally, please [register here](#) for the Worship Workshops that will begin at 7:30 p.m., Friday evening, March 6 and continue through lunch on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at The Summit Conference Center, Haw River State Park, Browns Summit, NC (near Greensboro). TJD Director of Faith Development, Sue Sinnamon, and your RE Committee have worked hard to plan this event, which includes a REN Module. It will be well worth your time and effort. The fee is \$200.

#### **Inauguration B&B**

Rooms in DC are very scarce, but members of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, MD and the congregation as a whole will host visitors who come to Washington, DC for the Inauguration of Barack Obama as 44th President of the United States. Visitors may stay the nights of Monday, January 19th and Tuesday, January 20th, with additional nights possible with pre-arrangements.

Visitors have a choice between very casual accommodations (warm and

carpeted space in the church for their own sleeping bags, with access to bathrooms and showers at \$25 per night per person) or space in members' homes (a guest room at \$100/night/person). Additional members of a party staying together receive a 10% discount.

Hosts (both at-church and in-home hosts) will provide a continental breakfast each morning and directions or transportation to and from the nearest Metro station.

All proceeds benefit Cedar Lane social justice programs - the Partner Church Committee, a New Orleans Work Trip, Social Justice Council - and the operating budget of the church, with 75% going to social justice programs.

To register, return the registration form at [Cedar Lane reservation form](#) by January 5, 2009, accompanied by full payment. You will be refunded 50% if you cancel by January 12, 2009. You may also reserve directly by phone with B&B Registrar, Arlene Schneider, at 240-447-5361, with mailed form and full payment to follow by January 5.

#### **Living Legacy Pilgrimage February 2009**

The 2009 UU Civil Rights Living Legacy Pilgrimage, February 11-18, 2009, is full. The maximum number of participants has registered. We are accepting names of interested persons for a waiting list; those will be notified of a place, if any opens, by year-end.

The trip will begin and end in Birmingham, Alabama, and will include bus travel with stops at sites and visits with Civil Rights veterans in Marion, Selma, and Montgomery, Alabama, as well as Meridian and Philadelphia, Mississippi.

More than a tour of past history, this Living Legacy Pilgrimage has been planned by a team of people who participated in Meadville Lombard's Southern Civil Rights Tour last March and found themselves deeply moved to the

point of envisioning something more. Perhaps you could call it "the next step," or "building from the past to create the future."

Leaders in the Unitarian Universalist Association will be among the participants, but the Pilgrimage is open to anyone interested in experiencing first-hand our civil rights legacy and exploring what we are called to do now and in the future.

Information is available at [UU Living Legacy](#). To be placed on the waiting list, please call Glenn Johnson, Registrar, at Thomas Jefferson District of the UUA, 800-549-0751.

#### **IRA Charitable Rollover Renewed thru 2009**

Did you know that if you are age 70.5 or above, you can now make gifts to your congregation, the UUA, or other UU entities directly from your IRA - without including the IRA withdrawal in your taxable income?

This timely provision will be in effect through December 31, 2009. To make a tax-free distribution, simply send a letter to your IRA custodian requesting a transfer directly from your IRA to the organization of your choice. For more information, see [planned gifts](#).



#### **Thomas Jefferson District Anti-racism Conference Anti-Racism in a World of White Privilege**

**February 20 & 21, 2009**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh (UUFRR)  
Mark your calendars for the annual Thomas Jefferson District Anti-racism Conference at UUFRR. There will be sessions to help you understand the idea of White Privilege as well as ways to overcome it as you work towards an anti-racist society. Registration and light food will begin at 5 p.m.

<http://www.uuchnc.org>

on Friday with the official opening occurring at 7 p.m. The conference will end at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. There may be special entertainment available Saturday night for those who want to stay over. Information about registration, places to stay, home hospitality and an agenda will be posted on the TJ District website by November 15. Thanks, Diann Irwin, UUFR member and logistics chair



**UUCH Covenant**

As members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Hillsborough, we covenant:

- to accept and support one another with open minds and open hearts, to care for and respect each other, to share our sorrows and celebrate the joys of life together, and to work together in a spirit of cooperation and harmony;
- to create a welcoming and diverse community that is open to all people without regard to race, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, political persuasion, age, disability, or religious belief;
- to build a liberal religious community that supports each individual's search for truth and meaning and encourages the spiritual and ethical growth of each person;
- to support our Congregation by sharing our financial resources, our time and energy, our creativity and imagination, and our talents and skills; and
- to serve others and to work together for peace, justice, and understanding in our community and the world.

**Our Principles**

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process

within our congregations and in society at large;

- 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.

*Hold fast to dreams  
For if dreams die  
Life is a broken-winged bird  
That cannot fly.  
Hold fast to dreams  
For when dreams go  
Life is a barren field  
Frozen with snow.  
Langston Hughes*

**Unitarian Universalism (UU) draws from many sources:**

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

These principles and sources of faith are the backbone of our religious community.

**Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening  
Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village, though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.**

**My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.**

**He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.**

**The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.  
Robert Frost**

**Kids Korner**

***Kids Korner***  
***By Sarah Woody***

**Welcome to the New Year!**

This January 20<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating a significant change in our nation's history - we will inaugurate the first black man and the youngest president of the United States! Inauguration is when the president elect is sworn in to office. The president elect does not become president until noon of that day. During the inauguration the president elect must say: **I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.**

**Only one president has ever not sworn but affirmed!**

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**Word search all about interesting facts in January!**

<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>Skiing</b>	<b>Hot Tea Month</b>	<b>ML King Jr Day</b>	<b>Super Bowl</b>
<b>Hibernation</b>	<b>Snow</b>	<b>Snowdrop</b>	<b>Australia Day</b>	<b>Birds</b>
<b>Carnation</b>	<b>Garnet</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Ice Skating</b>	<b>Coldest Month</b>
<b>Tu B'Shvat</b>	<b>Twelfth Night</b>	<b>Hockey</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>New Year Day</b>

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