

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Regift and Rejoice

### Holiday Regifting Sale

Sunday, January 5 • Parish Hall

*Donate your unwanted treasures!  
Shop for fabulous regifted bargains!  
Regift...and rejoice!*



Bring your unused new (or indistinguishable from new) items to the “regifting tables” on Sunday, January 5, before any service that day. All items will be sold at a discount at the Regifting Sale. Unsold items will be given to charity.

All proceeds from the Regifting Sale benefit the work of the Community Outreach Ministry Team that supports Mano a Mano International Partners. Mano a Mano builds clinics, schools and infrastructure, and trains teachers, doctors and subsistence farmers in rural Bolivia.

## Winter Warm-Up Drive

### Thank you!

Unity’s Racial and Restorative Justice Team is grateful for all of the generous donations received so far! Collection of the following items continues through January. All donations will be shared with clients of Amicus, an organization serving people as they re-enter society after incarceration.

- Washcloths, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand lotion, deodorant, dental floss, razors and shaving cream
- New winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves, boots (men’s) and socks
- Hand and foot warmers
- Bus passes or the cash to buy bus passes

Bring donations to the Racial and Restorative Justice table in the Parish Hall on Sundays.

On Sundays, please bring donations to the Racial and Restorative Justice table in the Parish Hall. Donations delivered during the week should be brought to Lisa Friedman's office.

## Faith Is Stronger than Fear

*Overcoming gun violence through inspiration, education and action*

Sunday, January 26 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Bet Shalom Synagogue • Minnetonka, MN

This free event will motivate, educate and activate people of faith to work together to pass sensible gun laws in Minnesota. It will include an interfaith service and activist training. Details and registration at <https://protectmn.org/event/faith-is-stronger-than-fear>.

## Sustainable Living Team News

### Invitation to Engage!

From Anna Newton and Michelle Mecey



Janus, the ancient Roman god of time, was depicted with two faces, looking to both past and future. He was a powerful ally whose aid was enlisted for transitions: births, deaths, marriages, and thresholds of all kinds from municipal bridges to common doorways. January, named for Janus, is a good month for us to reflect on past and future. In 2019:

- **SLT developed a solid partnership with Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light (MNIPL)**, building a network for environmental justice with other denominations. We participated in MNIPL *Be the Spark* training and hosted an MNIPL Climate Conversation.
- **SLT hosted sustainability-themed films and Wellspring Wednesday programs** (pollinators, clean energy, sustainable practices, sustainable meals), and provided timely information via email and at our Parish Hall table on Sundays
- **SLT offered tangible ways to take action:** Climate Strike, composting, gardening with Unity kids, trail cleanups.

We now stand on a threshold: The Sustainable Living Team’s charge is to empower this congregation to act for the environment. In 2020-21 we will lead the congregation through the UUA Green Sanctuary process. On **Saturday, February 29**, we invite you to **Gather for the Earth**, a joyful morning honoring our connection to the earth and each other, with opportunities to reflect on concerns, to share wishes and insight. Information gathered will form the basis for our Green Sanctuary Action Plan. Together we will celebrate and protect this interconnected web of existence we call “home.” Our Earth. Stay tuned for more information!

## Sustainable Living Team Calendar

**January 5:** Regular meeting canceled

**January 8:** Wellspring Wednesday: Climate Reality, Solutions, Actions

**January 19:** Team meeting, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**January 24:** Sustainable Living Team Film *Living the Change* • 7:00 p.m. • Robbins Parlor

This inspiring New Zealand documentary follows people changing their lives and communities, from regenerative agriculture and forest gardens to composting toilets, to solve global crises. Rethink how you live!

Enjoy an evening with the Sustainable Living Team as we watch entertaining, hopeful, and provocative films that highlight environmental issues. An opportunity for discussion follows. Popcorn provided.

**SAVE THE DATE!** February 29: Gather for the Earth