

Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network Website
Small Group Ministry Program
Thoughts of Christmas

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Chalice / Candle Lighting

Opening words:

Christmas is not so much a matter of explanation and interpretation as it is a mood and a feeling. It is a time in the cycle of the year set apart by hope and fellowship and generosity. Christmas is the season of the heart. – Gordon B. McKeeman.

Check in / Sharing

Topic: Thoughts of Christmas.

1. First let's each share a childhood memory.
2. Now some questions to consider:

How do you feel about the coming Christmas season?

What are you celebrating?

What traditions do you enjoy more and really need to experience?

What traditions do you enjoy less and could do without?

What can you do to make your celebration more enjoyable this year?

Check out like/dislikes

Closing words:

We are the ones who keep Christmas. Christmas is what we want it to be. Christmas is loveliness, happiness, singing, laughter, giving and sharing, if we make it so.

May this season be a time of rebirth and renewal, a time of happiness and joy. Let there be light and warmth, and let us be their bearers. - Holly Bell

Like snowflakes, my **Christmas** memories gather and dance — each beautiful, unique, and too soon gone.