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Theme for December: Wonder

Perhaps it's the rush of excitement at a new discovery, curiosity driven by a rare mystery, or just pure amazement at the beauty of something special – wonder

can come in many forms. Yet, whenever it comes, wonder is a welcome emotion, a spur to exploration and learning. This month, as the holiday season approach-

es, we will explore how we can foster wonder in our own lives.

Sunday, December 3, 11 a.m. Platform

“What Wonders We Can Achieve Together”; Kate Lovelady, Leader

Music: Zafira Piano Trio (classical)



Come hear and see what's going on with the Uganda Humanist Schools and how the Ethical Society is helping Ugandan humanists transform young lives and lift up an entire community.

First Sunday Lunch: Fundraiser for the Uganda Humanist Schools

After Platform is our annual pay-what-you-want fundraising lunch for the Ugan-

da Humanist Schools. The Ethical Society community currently supports 20 female high-school students with full boarding scholarships (\$480/yr), as well as additional projects. The lunch is a Ugandan beans-and-rice meal similar to that which our students might eat. If you would like to make a donation but cannot attend the lunch, or would like to make an additional donation, please contact Kate Lovelady at klovelady@ethicalstl.org.

Sunday, December 10, 11 a.m. Platform

“What a Wonderful World”; James Croft, Outreach Director

Music: Bonbon Plot (jazz)

Wonder is often associated with religious experiences, with astral revelations and spiritual visions. But wonder isn't exclusive to traditional religious ways of looking at the world - we can experience wonder regardless of our religious beliefs, drawing inspiration from the natural world and from our relationships with each other. In

this Platform we'll explore what wonder is, why it's important, and how we can all live lives more wonderful.

Split Collection

Half of today's *undesignated collection will be donated to **Winter Outreach**, which provides food, clothing, shelter, and

transportation to the homeless during the coldest months. For information visit stlwin-teroutreach.org. (*Note: If you pay your membership pledge through the collection, write “pledge” on your check, and it will not be divided.)

Large-Print Handouts Now Available on Sunday

As part of ongoing efforts to make the Ethical Society accessible to all people in as many ways as possible, we are now offering a large-print (16-point font) handout for our Sunday Platform.

We are starting with a limited number as we gauge interest, so please let the ushers know if you would like a large-print handout. And please send feedback to Kate at klovelady@ethicalstl.org.

The electronic version of the newsletter and the weekly email can both be enlarged for reading or printing. If you're not sure how to do this, contact the Committee of Concern for tech support.

Sunday, December 17 **No Morning Programs**

4:30 p.m. Good Cheer Potluck

6:15 p.m. Winter Festival Evening Platform

Music: Ethical Voices Chorus and Community

Our Good Cheer Celebration and Potluck Dinner is a wonderful gathering for families and friends. Please join us for an evening of good company, food, and music. We begin with punch (BYOB) at 4:30 followed by potluck dinner at 5:15. At 6:15 we adjourn upstairs for the program and return downstairs for cider, cookies, singing, and a special guest. If you play an instrument and would like to join Bob Heck on the piano, please bring your instrument and join in.

If you have children, be sure they are registered as you enter downstairs at either door. Suggested donation to cover extra food and expenses: adults \$3; children (7-12) \$1; 6 and under free.

Food Assignments by Last Names:

- ◆ **Main Dish:** A-K (no soups please; we do not provide bowls)
- ◆ **Salad or Side:** L-T
- ◆ **Dessert:** U-Z

Potluck guidelines: Couples, please bring a dish to serve 8; single folks, please bring a dish to serve 4; etc. Put your name on your dish and bring a card with ingredients for those with food allergies. There will be, as usual, a separate place for vegan dishes.

Elves are needed to help in all areas of Good Cheer—see article below on how to participate in the fun.

Good Cheer Elves Needed—Sign Up Now!

Elves are needed to help in the following areas; if you can lend your talent, call or email Donna Kniest, CEO (Chief Elf Official)—Donnakniest@gmail.com, (314) 712-3569 - and let her know what you would like to help with:

1. Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m. - Decorate!
2. Saturday, December 16, 9 a.m. - Lots of help is needed to set tables and

put up the tree.

3. Sunday, December 17 - Two persons needed to set up and serve punch as people arrive around 4:30 p.m.
4. Several persons needed to arrive early on Sunday for last-minute details.
5. Two persons needed to register children at the downstairs doors. You would have to arrive by 4 p.m. and stay at your post until about 5:15.
6. Two persons needed to be in charge

of setting out desserts and coffee/tea after the upstairs Platform.

7. Six persons needed to work in the kitchen during the potluck dinner. (These elves get to eat first!)
8. Two persons with booming voices needed to call tables.
9. Two persons needed to hand out candles to those entering the Auditorium at 6:15.

Sunday, December 24 the Society will be closed. —Happy Holidays!

Sunday, December 31, 11 a.m. Platform

“From Eternity to Here”; Dr. Claude Bernard

Music: Music Videos by Artists We Lost in 2017

The story of the history and evolution of our universe, our planet, and the life upon it is the scientific version of the origin myths that traditional religions offer. Dr. Claude Bernard, Professor of Physics Emeritus at

Washington University and member of the Ethical Society, will present this history compressed into a one-year calendar - a format pioneered by Carl Sagan that al-

lows us to better appreciate our small but important part in the vastness of time.

How to Submit Sunday Platform Announcements and Calls to Action

Due to our limited Platform time on Sundays, all Announcements and Calls to Action must be submitted in advance to be read by the Platform Chair. Chairs cannot allow in-person Announcements or Announcements from the floor. This is sometimes frustrating, but it's the only system fair to everyone.

If you have information to share with the community at Platform, you can submit it in one of two ways:

1. By Friday at 3 p.m. - Email your complete Announcement or Call to Action to klovelady@ethicalstl.org.
2. By Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Complete a Call to Action form, located in a plastic

holder on the wall outside the main office, and leave it with the Chair notebook. (If the Chair notebook is not in the plastic holder, you can likely find the Chair in the Auditorium.)

Thank you for helping make Sunday Platform work for everyone.

9:45 Forum, December 3 - Better Living through Giving

Join us for the final installment of our fall series led by educator and Ethical Society member Bob McMullen, exploring how to live a generous and joyful life. On December 3, in "Do the Most Good: Bet-

ter Giving Through Research and Information," we will learn how to examine a charity using online tools to determine its effectiveness and use of donations. We will consider unique nonprofits and other

ways to make the best use of our additional income to help others. We will discuss alternate ways of giving such as community giving clubs and social investment loans.

9:45 Forum, December 10 - Estate Planning and Year-End Giving

The Ethical Society's Legacy Committee will host an Estate Planning Seminar at the 9:45 Forum on Sunday, December 10. Estate Planning Attorney Christine Zych of Dovetail Estate Planning P.C. will provide members with information on

how to make or update an estate plan. Legacy Committee members Jim Rhodes, Steve Harris, and Joe Corrigan will discuss other ways members can enjoy tax savings before year end, receive lifetime income, and help the Ethical Society

with a Charitable Gift Annuity. The Ethical Society has greatly benefitted from members' past estate gifts, which provide over 20% of the Society's annual income needs.

TWA Bake Sale and Mini-Bazaar December 10

The members of the Tuesday Women's Association of the Ethical Society will be holding their final fall bake sale and

bazaar on Sunday, December 10, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. They will have many delicious homemade goodies as well as

items donated by members. Do your holiday shopping with the TWA. All proceeds go to local social causes.

Being Human: What, Why, Who Am I? - New Class Begins January!

Who am I? Why am I here? What's going on? All of us ask these questions sometime in our lives. Ethical Humanism's answers are drawn from a rich tradition of thought throughout the ages. Ethical Humanists seek to infuse our lives with a

set of values, without looking to a single text or teacher for answers - we create those answers for ourselves. This weekly 8-session class (Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.) explores the biggest questions in life. Each session includes a short presen-

tation, guided discussion, and a simple "homework" activity. Classes are limited to 15 participants. For information and sign-up, contact James Croft, jcroft@ethicalstl.org.

End Racism Events in December

Black Lives Matter Vigil

Every second Sunday, Ethical Society members and friends gather on Clayton Road to uphold the dignity and worth of every person and support the movement for black lives. Join us **December 10** at noon for fifteen minutes or stay for the

full hour. We have signs to share. All ages are welcome to participate.

New! The End Racism Discussion Group will meet third Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Board Room, basing discussions each month on a variety of readings,

videos, podcasts, etc.. The reading for December 18 is the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. You do not need to have read the book to attend. For more information contact Sue Williams, sjwillia43@att.net.

Tai Chi Begins the Five Elements on January 2

In January, Tai Chi will revisit the Five Elements, ChungLiang "Al" Huang's transformational sequence of movements - Fire, Water, Earth, Wind, and Metal. Beginners are welcome. We will repeat

the form over and over so that everyone learns to do it on their own. This will include some basic Chi Kung practice as well as Taoist meditation. We ask for a \$5 donation to support the Ethical Socie-

ty. You can find information about teacher Don Beere at www.donaldbeere.com. ChungLiang has been one of Don's teachers and you can find information about him at www.livingtao.org.

Bad Weather Policy and Driveway De-Icing

The Ethical Society driveway heaters broke last spring after 50 years of faithful service. Replacements will be extremely difficult and expensive, so we are experimenting this winter with contracting for extra salt treatments instead. Please use caution (and low gear!) on

steep hills in icy or snowy conditions; check with activity organizers for cancellations if the weather looks bad. Decisions to close the building are based on MoDoT and weather warnings. Whenever possible, cancelation of Sunday meetings will be made the night before

and will be shared through the Society website and Facebook page; channels 2, 4, and 5 (and their websites); in an email to the membership; and on the "events" extension on the Society phone system (314) 991-0955 x224.

TWA Talk

The Tuesday Women's Association (TWA) meets in the Becker Room (except where noted) on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until after noon, August through June. After the morning programs, all are invited to stay for a brown-bag lunch followed by news of members, roundtables, and/or mah jongg at 12:30 p.m.

December 5. Book Review. *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky. Reviewer:

Outreach Director Survey

It's hard to believe that our Outreach Director, James Croft, has been employed at Ethical Society for almost 1.5 years. (He's been at the Society for longer than that, but not as one of our Leaders.)

Bettyann Slatten.

December 12. "Concordance Academy"; Jeff Smith, Head of Community Engagement & Policy, Concordance Academy, which offers the country's first set of integrated, holistic and evidence-informed services for individuals returning to society from prison. Mr. Smith will tell us about how it works, from entrance into the academy to release. Participants en-

The Board will be conducting a survey to gain feedback on James' work, as part of ongoing evaluations of our new two-Leader structure. During the first week of January, all members will receive an email link to an anonymous short survey with five questions and room for com-

gage in a yearlong integrated program that includes behavioral health and wellness, education and employment, and community and life skills.

December 19. Winter party and book exchange!

December 26. No meeting. Society building closed. Happy New Year!

ments. They will be sent by "snail mail" for those without email, or you can request a hard copy from the office.

Please look out for the survey and share your opinions and thoughts. Thank you for your participation.

Men's Discussion Group, Tuesday Mornings

Each Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon, the Men's Forum gathers in the Hanke Room; participants are invited to stay after for a brown-bag lunch. All are welcome, Ethical Society members and visitors. Just bring an open mind and a small cash donation for the hot drinks and doughnuts that are usually available.

December 5. 10 a.m.: Kate Lovelady and James Croft will lead a discussion about mindfulness and emotional and physical health. 11:10 a.m.: Don McQueen hosts open discussion.

December 12. 10 a.m.: "The Happiness Hypothesis"; Jim Rhodes. 11-11:30 a.m.:

Holiday Tales. 11:30-noon: [First Annual Holiday Pizza Party](#).

December 19. 10 a.m.: "The Media: Fake News?"; Bob Heck. 11:10 a.m.: Open Discussion.

December 26. No meeting.

Member News

Welcome to the following new members!

Sophie Brunel's passions are reading, movies, decorating, and arts and crafts. She is joining to better know and discover our philosophy. **Nicolas Brunel** is a Pharmaceutical Formulation Chemist whose passions are ethical issues, climate change, food, rugby, skiing, and chorus. He is joining to share some of his opinions, listen and learn, and for intellectual enrichment.

A.J. Medlock is an Archivist at the State Historical Society of Missouri. His passions are African-American History, collecting comic books/toys, running a Star Trek group, and sex positivity. He is joining because he wants to become a better human being.

A Mississippi native, **Treasure Shields Redmond** is a poet, performer, social justice educator, and founder of Get The Acceptance Letter Academy. She is joining because she has been attending for a year and loves it.

Sandy Roeder Singer has done agency non-profit and social work for more than forty years. Her passions are environmental justice, T'ai Chi Chih, art, living close to nature, and learning to live the Tao. She has been involved with the Ethical Society for over a decade through the development of the Senior Connections program. She would like to participate in our mission and wants to be part of a spiritual community.

Kelly Wilson is a Supported-Housing Property Manager who is passionate about civil rights, all kinds. She is joining

for the warm, welcoming community of like-minded people and for our core values.

Congratulations

The **Movie Friends of the Ethical Society** are pleased to announce that the film they sponsored during the StL International Film Festival—*Black Cop*, directed by Cory Bowles—won the Best Narrative Feature award. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Film Festival a success.

George Salamon has a poem published in The New Verse News. You can read "[Death and Salvation in New Hampshire](#)" online.

Please send member news to klovelady@ethicalstl.org.

Ongoing Food Drive

To help meet the crushing need for emergency food supplies in our region, the Society is collecting food donations each week for Operation Food Search. Look for the bright blue barrel downstairs

across from the kitchen. Please note, OFS doesn't accept ramen noodles, junk food, sugary drinks, nor glass containers. A list of "most needed" items is posted on the downstairs bulletin board. If you would

like to volunteer to help with this effort, contact Gayle Rose, justgayle@gmail.com.

Theater Nuevo Presents a Cabaret About Hope & Stuff, December 16

Okay, it's called "Optim*stic Bullsh*t," so it's a cheeky holiday offering, but come hear some of the best voices in St. Louis sing about hope, our current political climate, and all of that other stuff. Fea-

turing: Michael Baird, Kevin Corpuz, Ebony Easter, Isabel Garcia, Marshall Jennings, Omega Jones, Grace Langford, and Anna Skidis Vargas, accompanied

by Kris Pineda. Saturday, December 16, 8 p.m., \$20.

Co-sponsored by the Ethical Society of St. Louis.

Year End Gifts and the IRA Charitable Rollover

The end of the year is a good time to do some tax planning. If you itemize on your taxes and need deductions by 12/31/17, consider paying off your pledge or paying next year's pledge with cash or appreciated securities by year end. If you own securities that have increased in value and you want to dispose of them, consider donating them directly to a charity such as the Ethical Society and avoid paying tax on the capital gain. Your tax deduction will be the market value of the stock donation on the date of the gift. If you don't itemize and instead take the standard deduction, you still wouldn't pay tax on the capital gain from the donated security.

For members older than 70.5 years, there is an additional way to make a year-end gift called the IRA Charitable Rollover. The requirements to take advantage of

this tax provision are the following:

1. Donors must be at least 70.5 years old.
2. The total combined contributions cannot exceed \$100,000 in any one year.
3. Distributions must be made directly from the IRA Trustee payable to the public charity such as the Ethical Society of St. Louis.

Individuals may begin taking distributions from their IRAs at age 59.5, but are required to begin taking them at 70.5. Normally, these distributions are subject to income taxes. In the case of the IRA Charitable Rollover, individuals who meet the requirements above can take their distribution and roll it over directly to a charity and avoid having this amount be included in ordinary income. One scenar-

io that makes perfect sense for an Ethical Society member over 70 ^{1/2} is to roll over the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to pay part or all of your annual pledge. If you don't itemized your deductions anymore on your taxes, you'll still receive a tax benefit in paying your pledge with this IRA Charitable Rollover. Of course, gifts over and above normal pledges also could be made with this tax provision. So if you don't take advantage of this IRA Charitable Rollover provision in 2017, consider using it in 2018 when it comes time for the RMD from your IRA. If you have any questions about any of this, contact Nancy Jelinek, njelinek@ethicalstl.org, or Joe Corrigan, japplecorr@att.net. You can also attend the 9:45 Forum on December 10 given by Estate Planning Attorney Christine Zych.

Upcoming Science Fiction Book Club Meetings, 4th Mondays

The Ethical Society Science Fiction Book Club meets fourth Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m., in Kate Lovelady's office (upstairs southwest corner of the building). All are welcome to any meeting.

There is no meeting in December.

January 22. *Kindred* by Octavia Butler. Host: Mary Ellen Roberts.

February 26. *Snow Crash* by Neal Stephenson. Host: Matthew Hile.

Keep up with future meetings by joining the Ethical Society Science Fiction Book Club on Facebook and/or check this newsletter and the weekly email to Society members.

Committee of Concern

When you or a family member is ill or experiencing tough times, a call from a concerned friend means so much. Whether the caller just asks, "How are you doing today?" or offers assistance, you

know someone cares. That is what the Committee of Concern does for Ethical Society members. If you are a member in need of such support or know of a member who is, or if you would like to be a

part of this caring team, please contact Jeanette Langton, ethicalstl-coc@yahoo.com; (314) 968-2630.

Around the Building

Keyed Up. Thanks to **Ron Wirts** for creating a key to fit our difficult-to-use in-ground hose spigots. Works like a charm!

A Bright Future. Phase 3 of our LED installation plan is complete. **Joe Ogle** installed LED tubes in the Library, the west half of the Becker Room, thin panels in the upstairs restrooms and in the hallway leading to the office area. About 50% of the building now has LED lighting.

Wall Repair. The wall under the kitchen sink downstairs has a new surface coating thanks to **Kent Forrest**. For years, water splashed against the wall resulting in the surface bubbling and flaking off. Additional thanks to Kent for replacing the door-stop on the lower east door.

Outdoor Beauty. Thanks to **Dean** and **Juliette Smith** for spending the better part of a day doing extensive weeding around the East Pond. Thanks to **Nellie Brown** for always sharing her expertise

in plant knowledge. Her advice keeps our landscape healthy and flourishing with native species.

Are you interested in helping with our building and grounds? We can put your handy talents to good use. Please contact Facility Coordinator Kitt Rogers, krogers@ethicalstl.org, if you'd like to volunteer.

New E-3 (Evolution, Earth, Ethics) Library—Books and DVDs Available

In case you hadn't noticed, we have the beginnings of a new specialty library downstairs in the carpeted area of the Becker Room. In conjunction with the Evolution Exhibit, the E-3 Library covers topics related to Evolution, Earth, and Ethics. It is located currently on the top two

shelves, and there is a step stool provided. Many thanks to Kerri Rawson and Marie Brown for helping to set up the library.

To use the library, see the information sheet nearby, "How to Check Out Books

and DVDs"; a category list is provided, with a corresponding book and DVD list. For questions or to help this educational effort, contact Toni Wirts, toniwirts@hotmail.com.

Science Enthusiast Club Begins January!

The Science Enthusiast Club is for anyone with a passion for science, regardless of formal background. It will meet monthly on 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Hanke Room, beginning in January. All are wel-

come to attend. You don't have to be a scientist to be part of the discussion, you just need to love science! Each month we will post a topic or (non-technical) article to lead into a discussion of exciting new

scientific discoveries and their impact on society. Contact Rich Feldenberg for more information, richard.feldenberg@health.slu.edu.

Young Ethicals Board Games + Dessert Potluck, December 9

Calling all Young Ethicals (Society members and visitors in the 20-40 age range)! Let's get our nerd on and play some

board games. And let's share some desserts! Saturday, December 9, 7-10 p.m. We'll be in the Hanke room (north west

corner of the lower level of the Society). Join us!

Gallery Spotlight—Artists First

The art exhibit in the upstairs gallery from December 8 through January 15 showcases work by artists from Artists First, an open art studio that helps artists of all abilities find their place and purpose in the community. We all strive to

find our place and purpose in this ever-changing world; Our place being our sense of belonging, and purpose being our lasting impact and impression. Through original and unique artwork, the artists at Artists First express their per-

ceptions and visions of the community and their place and purpose in it.

A reception for the exhibit will be held on Sunday, December 10, 12:30 to 3 p.m., in the upstairs foyer.

Next Round of Ethicurean Dinners will be January 12-14

The Ethicurean Dinners are potlucks in members' homes, held four times yearly—on the second weekend of October, January, April, and July.

If you haven't yet signed up and want to participate in the remaining 3 dinners

(January, April, and July), contact Andie Jackson, andrea.jackson568@gmail.com, (314) 960-2885. She'll need your name (s), email, phone number, whether you have dogs or cats and/or allergies to same, preferred night if any (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday), impossible nights

if any, and also whether you can host one time per year, and for how many (4, 6, 8, or 10 counting yourself). You won't be asked to host for your first dinner.

Contact Andie with any other questions.

Ethical Society of St. Louis December 2017 Calendar

Friday, December 1

6:30 p.m. **Good Eatin' Holiday Party.** Meatless potluck and white elephant gift exchange. Bring a dish and a wrapped whatnot from around the house to re-gift. Becker Room.

Saturday, December 2

2 p.m. **We Think Good**, philosophy group with Jason Chen. Topic: The Ethics of Prostitution. Hanke Rm.

Sunday, December 3

8 a.m. **Ethical Mindfulness Practice.** Foyer.

9:45 Forum: "Do the Most Good: Better Giving Through Research and Information"; Bob McMullen. Hanke Room. See page 3.

9:45 a.m. **Colloquy.** James Croft. Board Room.

10 a.m. **SEEK** begins. Becker Room. **Parent Talk.** VOH Room.

11 a.m. **Platform:** "What Wonders We Can Achieve Together"; Kate Lovelady. Music: Zafira Piano Trio. Auditorium.

Noon. **First Sunday Lunch Fundraiser for the Uganda Humanist Schools.** Becker Room.

Monday, December 4

5 p.m. **Yoga.** Hanke Room.

6:30 p.m. **Laughter Yoga.** First-timers please RSVP to justgayle@gmail.com.

7 p.m. **Photo Ops.** Insect Macrophotography, and the photography of Alexander Rodchenko; Jim Rhodes. As always, members are encouraged to bring some photos to share with the group. Hanke Room.

Tuesday, December 5

9 a.m. **Ethical Mindfulness Practice.** Leader's office.

10 a.m. **Tuesday Women's Association.** Becker Room. See pg 4.

10 a.m. **Men's Forum.** Hanke Room. See page 4.

5 p.m. **Tai Chi.** Hanke Room.

Wednesday, December 6

5:30 p.m. **Moderation Management.** Hanke Room.

6:30 p.m. **Being Human.** Leader's office.

7:30 p.m. **Ethical Voices Chorus Rehearsal.** Hanke Room.

Thursday, December 7

6:30 p.m. **Witnessing Whiteness.** Hanke Room.

7 p.m. **Climate Change Book Group.** Board Room.

Saturday, December 9

7 p.m. **Young Ethicals Game Night and Dessert Potluck.** Members and visitors 20-40 years old welcome. Hanke Room.

Sunday, December 10

8 a.m. **Ethical Mindfulness Practice.** Foyer.

(**Second Sunday Slow Roll** is taking a winter break.)

9 a.m.–1 p.m. **TWA Bake Sale and Mini-Bazaar.** Becker Room.

9:45 Forum: "Estate Planning and Year-End Giving"; Christine Zych. Hanke Room. See page 3.

9:45 a.m. **Colloquy.** Janet Craig. Board Room.

10 a.m. **New Member Orientation.** Kate's office.

10 a.m. **SEEK** begins. Becker Room.

11 a.m. **Platform:** "What a Wonderful World"; James Croft. Music: Bonbon Plot. Auditorium.

Noon. **Black Lives Matter Vigil.** Clayton Road.

12:30. **Art Reception.** Foyer. See page 6.

5:30 p.m. **Second Sunday Dinner Theater.** Becker Room.

Monday, December 11

5 p.m. **Yoga.** Hanke Room.

6:30 p.m. **Laughter Yoga.** First-timers please RSVP to justgayle@gmail.com.

8 p.m. **Current Events.** Coming of Age Room.

Tuesday, December 12

9 a.m. **Ethical Mindfulness Practice.** Leader's office.

10 a.m. **Tuesday Women's Association.** Becker Room. See pg 4.

10 a.m. **Men's Forum.** Hanke Room. See page 4.

5 p.m. **Tai Chi.** Hanke Room.

7:30 p.m. **Great Books** - stories of sloth. Hanke Room.

Wednesday, December 13

6:30 p.m. **Being Human.** Leader's office.

7:30 p.m. **Ethical Voices Chorus Rehearsal.** Hanke Room.

Thursday, December 14

6:30 p.m. **Witnessing Whiteness.** Hanke Room.

Saturday, December 16

8 p.m. **Theater Nuevo Cabaret.** See page 5. Auditorium.

Sunday, December 17

No morning programs.

4:30 p.m. **Good Cheer Potluck.** Becker Room.

6:15 p.m. **Winter Festival.** Auditorium.

Monday, December 18

5 p.m. **Yoga.** Hanke Room.

6:30 p.m. **Laughter Yoga.** First-timers please RSVP to justgayle@gmail.com.

7 p.m. **End Racism Discussion Group.** Board Room. See page 3.

Tuesday, December 19

9 a.m. **Ethical Mindfulness Practice.** Leader's office.

10 a.m. **Tuesday Women's Association.** Becker Room. See pg 4.

10 a.m. **Men's Forum.** Hanke Room. See page 4.

No Tai Chi. On hiatus until mid-January.

Wednesday, December 20

5:30 p.m. **Moderation Management.** Hanke Room.

No Chorus Rehearsal.

Thursday, December 21

Ethical Edge will not meet this month.

Sunday, December 24

The Society will be closed. No programs.

Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26

The Society office will be closed.

Yoga will not meet.

Laughter Yoga will not meet.

The **Sci-Fi Book Club** will not meet.

Ethical Mindfulness Practice will not meet.

The **Tuesday Women's Association** will not meet.

The **Men's Forum** will not meet.

The **International Relations Discussion Group** will not meet.

Sunday, December 31

8 a.m. **Ethical Mindfulness Practice.** Foyer.

9:45 Forum: "Exploring Ethical Humanism—A Colloquy on Wonder"; Kate Lovelady. Hanke Room.

(No separate **Colloquy** - see 9:45 Forum above.)

10 a.m. **SEEK** begins—Kids New Year's Eve Party! Becker Room.

11 a.m. **Platform:** "From Eternity to Now"; Dr. Claude Bernard. Music: Videos of musicians who passed away in 2017. Auditorium.

Happy New Year!

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