



Social Justice

Encouraging fairness and freedom for all people because each and every person is important

Unitarian Universalists believe in equality and human rights. We promote peace, dignity and fairness for all people in our church and community. We take action to help others through service, support, and solidarity. We believe we can make a difference in the lives of others and so can you .



Maybe you or your family has heard the expression, "Winter Wonderland." Here are some pictures of what they might be talking about.



Winter can be wonderful but it can cause problems too: cold floors, cars that won't start, slippery ice, school getting cancelled (*wait...maybe that's not so bad...*), having to wear LOTS of clothes, lips, hands & faces getting chapped.



So—some things are harder for us in Winter...but we can buy food at the grocery store, ride in warm cars and buses, live in warm houses, schools. We even have warming houses when we ice skate or ice fish!



Print this page and then color the states with the snowflakes. These are states that have cold winter weather.



But what about people in some other parts of our world who can't afford warm houses? What about people who don't get enough to eat because they can't grow food in winter? Or they have to cook outside. What about people who have to walk or ride horses or donkeys in bitterly cold weather?



Did you know that there are poor people right here in our country who are hungry & cold?

Here are some things that we can do to help those who are less fortunate, especially during the cold of Winter. Which ones can YOU do?

- _____ Donate food to food pantries [see list of food pantries under “You Can Help”]
- _____ Give extra clothes to places that distribute it to poor people.
- _____ Share toys with kids who won't get any during the Winter Holiday season.
- _____ See if your school or house of worship collects money for people who don't have enough, and give some of your own money.
- _____ Give to efforts by the Red Cross or Red Crescent to help people after disasters.



A train at a snowy North Wingfield, UK – December 2009

Leeds Bradford Airport, England--December 2009.

OTHER RESOURCES:

Websites:

To see our year-round resident Bald Eagles, Hope & Valor, AND their new egg, visit www.sumriver.org

Watch a short video : “Helping the Homeless – Giving Back “

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBHwLlcVpaw>

To read about homeless teens in the Quad City Times:

http://qctimes.com/news/local/larger-number-of-teens-have-nowhere-to-go/article_16a6631a-d5a4-11e0-bc86-001cc4c03286.html

You can help:

Food pantries in Clinton County :

Elvira Lutheran Food Pantry - 2207 38th Ave, Clinton, IA 52732
563-522-2177
Second Tues 9-12:00

Church of the Open Door - 816 13th Ave. N, Clinton, IA 52732
563-242-0968
As needed

Clinton YWCA - 317 7th Ave. S, Clinton, IA 52732
563-242-2110
As needed

Associate Benevolent Society - 100 S 2nd St., Clinton, IA 52732
563-243-4148
MTTHF-1:30-4:00pm

Clinton Salvation Army - 219 First Ave., Clinton, IA 52732
563-242-4502
M-F , 10-3pm

Community Action of Eastern Iowa - 217 5th Ave. S #223, Clinton, IA 52732
563-243-5220
M-F 8:00-4:30pm

Clinton Christian Fellowship - 1825 Iowa Ave, Clinton, IA 52732
563-243-5561
As needed

North End Food Pantry - 2100 N 2nd St., Clinton, IA 52732
563-242-5740

WF 10-11:30am

Referral & Services - 615 8th St., DeWitt, IA 52742
563-659-9612
MTWF-8:00am-11:30am

God's Family Baptist Church - 301 East Street, Grand Mound, IA 52751
563-847-7822
563-219-5168
As needed

Carroll Assistance Center, 102 W. Washington, Wheatland, IA 52772
563-374-1520
Tues. 6:00-7:30pm, Wed. 10:00-4:00pm

For local library hours and activities



Clinton
563- 242-8441
<http://www.clinton.lib.ia.us/library-information>

Camanche
563-259-1106
www.camanche.lib.ia.us/

DeWitt
563-659-5523
<http://www.dewitt.lib.ia.us/>

Maquoketa
563-652-3874
www.maquoketa.lib.ia.us

Good book: 'December' by Eve Bunting and David Diaz (illustrator). Simon and his mother are homeless. They live in a cardboard box, warmed only by his father's old Army coat. It's Christmas eve and they welcome into their small space an old woman. They share their small Christmas tree and picture of an angel pinned to the wall. Suddenly, in the early morning

Simon wakes to discover that the woman is gone, but the angel from the picture is there with her light shining over the little cardboard house. What happens next is a lesson for all to welcome the stranger within our midst. This is set during Christmastime, but the lesson is true for all seasons...