



# The CommUUnicator

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## As a New Year Begins

By Kate Lore

Great Spirit of Life, as a new year begins, we turn inward to reflect about the state of our lives.

- What lessons have we learned in the past year and which new ones now call us forward?
- To whom do we still owe an apology or expression of thanks?
- And with whom must we draw fresh boundaries?

As we pause from our regular rhythms of rush-rush-rush, we open ourselves to new perspectives and possibilities. We give thanks for these moments and for the wisdom they afford us. May they help bring us together in the sacred dynamics of life so that we—as individuals and as members of this community—might reach our full potential.

As we step across this threshold, let this new year be a year of greater awe and gratitude, of deeper kindness and acceptance, and more courageous acts of conviction.

For a kinder, more equitable and sustainable world is not only possible, she is on her way. And in the quietness of this sacred community, we can ever hear her breathing. Amen.

*This New Year's prayer was reprinted from the UUA website.*

## Is a Trip to Alaska in Your Future?

“Have you ever dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, **WhaleCoast Alaska 2018** is for you! Four Alaska UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program this summer. See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs, with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, seals, and otters. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. Forget the cruise ships – our program is the best way to visit Alaska!”

This invitation was sent to us by Dave Frey, member of the Fairbanks UU Fellowship and Alaska travel expert. It was presented as a fundraiser for Alaska UU congregations. A few years ago, the Nash family thoroughly enjoyed this trip. Special memories include staying with Alaskan UU families and their churches, spectacular scenery, and a “meet and greet” with an octopus! For complete information go to: [www.WhaleCoastAK.org](http://www.WhaleCoastAK.org), email Dave Frey at [dfrey@whalecoastak.org](mailto:dfrey@whalecoastak.org) or call him at 907-322-4966. Discount for groups of eight or more.

### Member News

Roland Micklem is back at Kings Daughters Nursing Center, room 221, and would love visitors. David Kirk's trailer burned down and he is now staying at the Best Western Hotel in Waynesboro until the insurance comes through.