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Discussion 10:15 a.m.

Service 11:00 a.m.

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December Calendar

- Dec. 2: **Discussion:** Mike Davis
Program: Harold D Sims, PhD
“How an Authoritarian Extremist Won in Brazil”
- Dec. 9: 9:45 Board Meeting
- Dec. 9: **Discussion:** Myrtle Hylton
Program: Robert Tucker, PhD
“What’s Wrong With ‘Rights’?”
- Dec. 16: **Share Sunday** One half of today’s loose collection will go to the Free Clinic
- Dec. 16: **Discussion:** Loren Damewood
Program: Donna Terrence
“Emma’s Gift to Us”
- Dec. 22: 8:00 p.m. **THE WASSAIL!**
- Dec. 23: **Discussion:** Alan Nelson
Program: Margaret Evans
“Favorite Sounds of the Holidays”
- Dec. 30: 9:30 Program Committee Meeting
- Dec. 30: 10:15 **Talk Back to Santa**

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Dec. 9 | Donna Terrence |
| Dec. 25 | Katherine Giacoletti |
| Dec. 26 | Frances Harper |
| Dec. 28 | Adrian Vyner-Brooks |
| Dec. 30 | Bob Collette |

President’s Message

I suppose everyone who participated in November’s midterm election found it a mixed bag of blessings and sadness, no matter which side of the aisle you preferred. It felt much like a presidential election to me because of the enthusiasm and unprecedented turnout among groups not known for midterm voting. There have been races that rested on a single vote per precinct in a given district or state. Given the closeness of so many contests, this citizen hopes that more and more of the non-voters among us will realize that their vote matters and do their civic duty in the future.

Now, we look toward 2019 and a change of leadership in the House of Representatives. There is much the House can do on its own but some things depend on having the Senate on board and that’s certainly not a given in today’s political climate. Also, sadly, the two-year slog that is a modern U.S. presidential campaign has already begun.

Here are three of the keys to bringing free and fair elections back to America. First, we must stop the rampant voter suppression happening all over our great land. Next, we work to stem the unrestricted flow of dark money that floods our airwaves and poisons our discourse. Finally, we can support efforts to ensure that voters, not the Electoral College, decide the presidential election. We have much to do. Our republic, not to mention worldwide democracy, is hanging in the balance.

Donna Terrence

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Patriotism is when love of your own people comes first; nationalism, when hate for people other than your own comes first.

Charles de Gaulle

