



Shalom

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Grateful!

I'm feeling grateful today for many things, so I thought I would share some of them with you. I'm grateful that on Sunday, November 16, we had the great privilege to receive six new, wonderful people into membership at our church. They are all unique, gifted people with a real love for this congregation. I hope you will find the time to get to know them. Please see their picture and bios in this Shalom to learn more about them.

I'm grateful that we continue to have vibrant services of worship, that we have had talented and generous musicians covering for Marcia in her absence, and most especially, for Marcia's RETURN to the organ on Sunday, albeit one hand short, so to speak. I'm grateful that we have so many amazing musicians who love to offer their gifts to our church in worship, from the Choir, to the Combo, to the new group, Stone Church, to other individuals who play instruments and sing.

I'm grateful that our youth and children's programs are vital and growing under Pastor Emily's leadership and that of our fabulous teachers, volunteers, youth assistant, nursery coordinator, and Christian Education Board. What a joy to know that our children are cared for and taught so lovingly and so well. I'm grateful that our church is Open and Af-

firming in the full sense of that word—not only to LGBT people but also to those who struggle with mental illness or learning disabilities, to our new canine friend—the service dog, Mocha—to people of all walks of life and all socioeconomic backgrounds, and the list could go on. And as a downtown church, we are privileged to serve an unusually wide array of humanity that walk through our doors on a regular basis. I'm thankful for all the ways this congregation serves our community, and I am grateful our church is the first congregation to sign up—again—to host Salem's Emergency Warming Shelter.

I'm grateful that this is the time of year when we think more about gratitude, and I only wish it could carry through the whole year. For gratitude is one of the most important spiritual practices we have that enables us to cultivate joy, resilience and a loving heart. As you go into the Thanksgiving Season and beyond, try this spiritual practice suggested by Brené Brown in her book, *The Gifts of Imperfection*:

“When I'm flooded with fear and scarcity, I try to call forward joy and sufficiency by acknowledging the fear, then transforming it into gratitude. I say this out loud: ‘I'm feeling vulnerable. That's okay. I'm so grateful for ____.’ Doing this has absolutely increased my capacity for joy.”

Today, I am grateful that as a congregation we are so richly blessed, and that God bless-

es us with ever greater opportunities to be of service. As we approach Ingathering Sunday next week, I invite you to practice gratitude, and out of that spirit, to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to offer our church this year in terms of your time, talent and treasure.

~Pastor Janet Parker



PRAYERS
of the
CHURCH

IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayer for healing from continuing knee problems for **Melvin Stewart**, with hopes he can avoid another surgery...prayers of gratitude for improvement of **Vern Madison's** back pain with hopes that the trend continues...prayers of thanksgiving for the return to our organ of **Marcia Hauff**, and continued prayers for healing to regain the full use of her hand... prayers for recovery and aid for **Ted and Donna Braun**, parents of Rebecca Ralston, as Ted is in hospital due to congestive heart failure, and they consider next steps for their living situation...prayers for relief from pain and a cure from chronic headaches for **Avery**...prayers for all those who struggle with homelessness as we head into winter and for our church and others in the community setting up Salem's Emergency Warming Shelter program...and prayers for all who struggle to various degrees with any form of mental illness; may they find help, support and peace.

THE JOYS OF GOING CAR-LESS

Guess what I have learned since my accident in April? The first thing was patience. The next thing was planning. When Michelle or Eric could take me some place, I have a list: the store, drugstore, bank, etc. We could get things done in one trip. Without a car, my carbon footprint is very low since someone else is driving. I have learned it feels good to plan ahead. If you have more than one car, think about what would happen if you only had one—less expense. Now I want to thank

all those who have been taking me to and from church: Priscilla, Pamella, Kathy, Jacky, and Nancy. It is wonderful to get to know your neighbor, by visiting while riding in the car. Love, *Betty Helm*



BLESSED TO BE OF SERVICE

On November 2nd, the Stewardship Campaign was kicked off by a church-wide inventory of reasons why people feel blessed and how everyone is blessed to be of service. We received about 80 responses from you and posted those in the sanctuary and Narthex. The cards were completely filled out and it would take more than one Shalom to print everything you wrote. So we're giving you the highlights. *How I am Blessed:* Loving family, both home and church. Meet great people. All that I need. Enough to share. Have a job. Have Jesus. Have a life partner/ spouse/ great children. Have visited this great Congregation. Financial security. Safe home. Listening to the choir and organ on Sundays. Feeling comfortable within a church with a spiritual basis. Exposure to books and concepts that deepen my thoughts. Community with loving enjoyment and openness and affirmation. Happy marriage. Good career. Health. Great town and beautiful state of Oregon. Generosity of people. New outlook on life. Animals. Choice of spiritual offerings. Hope. Food. Peace. Compassion. Have approachable pastors. Music. Thoughtful discussions. Know people who understand and accept others. Sense of community of belonging. Have survived HIV/ AIDs. Talented doctors. Wonderful youth groups. Ability to read. *How I am Blessed to Be of Service:* Volunteering in office. Active committee member. Women's Fellowship. Try to welcome all people. I love people. To listen and learn about Jesus. Service to others in need. SIHN volunteer. Liturgist. LGBTQ group.

a shift when FCUCC opens as a shelter site in future cold weather events.

EMERGENCY WARMING SHELTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING ON DECEMBER 3, 6:30 P.M.

When we are called upon to open as an Emergency Warming Shelter, we will need a big network of volunteers to pull from. Please consider coming to this training and adding your name to the list of people who would be willing to be asked to do a 4-hour shift during a cold weather event. Training is put on by Salem Police Department, the Union Gospel Mission, the Egan Warming Shelter in Eugene, and DJ Vincent of the Salem Leadership Foundation. It should be over by 8pm. We have already had a high volume of RSVP's (though none are needed) and expect big numbers at this training – please come represent our church at this exciting community initiative! Contact Pastor Emily or the Homelessness Task Force with questions.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



On Sunday, November 16, we had the great privilege of welcoming 6 new members into the life of our congregation, and of baptizing Avery Oelhafen, the son of two of our new members. Our new members include: **Chip Brown**—Chip is married to Julie Camp and grew up Lutheran. She has five children and nineteen grandchildren! She is passionate about issues relating to poverty, abuse and the disabled, and is a behaviorist by profession.

Julie Camp—Julie is married to Chip Brown grew up Baptist. She is a retired

nurse and is passionate about gardening and photography. She also enjoys travel and helps Chip out with all those kids and grandkids!

Amy Sackett—who comes to us via a Presbyterian background and is a student at WOU. She is the owner of Lifetime Animal Partnerships, and offers consultation on service dogs and emotional support animals. She is the mother of two living children, one daughter and one son, and another son who died in 1996. She is passionate about helping others through advocacy on mental health issues, women's issues and learning disabilities. You will recognize her when you see her with her service dog, Mocha!

Gin Sawin—cousin of one of our members, Susan Hall. She comes from a Methodist background, with a little Episcopalian thrown in for good measure. She works as a call center representative and has one child, Alex Josephy, who is finishing college in China! She is passionate about quilting, clown ministry, LGBT inclusion in the Church and mental health issues, and LOVES volunteering in church.

Steven Sutton—married to Jenifer Sutton and the father of Avery. He comes to us from a non-denominational Christian background. He is currently studying computer science at Chemeketa while working in tech support. He's passionate about teaching children values, ethics & skills for success.

Jenifer Sutton—married to Steve Sutton and Avery's mother. She has attended various Christian churches and has been so happy to find our Open and Affirming congregation. She is passionate about social equality, transgender issues, reading the Bible, and enjoys bottle etch work and writing. She also has a bachelor's degree from Corbin University in psychology (family studies).

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, November 26, at 5:30 p.m. It will feature beautiful and meditative centering music, scripture readings, silence, sing-

ing and prayer. If you have not gifted yourself with this chance for inner peace-seeking in the past, this would be an excellent time to do so. Please come to the Mayflower Chapel (which will be transformed to a beautiful chapel with candles and a large cross) for a contemplative and spiritually rich half hour. There will be a special treat after the service.

SIMPLY IN SEASON

The theme of the November meeting was "Celebration." We started by sharing readings from the Simply in Season cookbook. One reading called, "Cherish that sweet potato" led us to a discussion about how we celebrate hope in our eating choices. What are our "sweet potatoes" -- our tangible connection to a vision of a hope-filled food future? Instead of using recipes from the Simply in Season cookbook for our potluck, we brought favorite family dishes and shared stories about what part the dish plays in family celebrations. We discussed how the sharing of food is used to celebrate events and special occasions and shared about what makes these foods memorable. We filled out an inventory of ideas about the next steps we can take in our journey toward ethical and joy-filled eating and shared some of our individual goals for the future. We closed with "A prayer for growers and eaters." This was the last session of the curriculum that included six sessions. We are having an additional meeting in December to do an evaluation of the Simply in Season sessions and to make recommendations to the church for next steps. *Dell Ford*

FINAL BAZAAR UPDATE

Well it has come and gone: the 20th annual All-Church Holiday Bazaar and Art Sale is over and done with. But before we tuck it back into its niche until time to haul it out again next year [assuming there is a next year!], I'd like to thank everyone who helped, participated, made craft or food items, came and browsed and/or made purchases, cooked, cleaned, encouraged, pol-

ished silver, laughed or cried with us, made quick decisions when necessary, and put in way more time than anticipated.

Special thanks to Phyllis Smith for everything she did, from acquiring the apples for pies in August, to helping me drag the Christmas tree down from the attic, and all the work she did in the kitchen! Phyllis, you not only deserve a medal, you deserve a long vacation!

Many thanks to Jeff Standy, who took time from his 'real' jobs to help us tirelessly in the kitchen. And Jeff, your chicken soup is delicious!

Thanks to Kathy Crummer and Priscilla Strayer, who worked on sorting, tagging and arranging craft items for two solid days -- and the same for Marge Covey, Betty Helm, Linda Brown and Linda Lew, who did the same in the Boutique area, and also Louise Putman in Fine Arts.

Thank you to all our cashiers, baggers, raffle table monitors, door monitors, kitchen helpers, pie-makers, clean-up crew and 'empty the closet' crew, and anyone who donated items or food. And thank you to Lyda Rice, our treasurer, for taking excellent care of the 'take' over the weekend and keeping the bills paid. Congratulations to Joyce Schuberg, who won the quilt raffle drawing! Final tally of the earnings isn't done, but a rough estimate tells us that we probably will net around \$6,000. This is incredibly marvelous!

Thank you all again. *Nancy Dilger*,
Bazaar Coordinator

YOUTH SELL CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Sundays, November 23, 30 and December 7 the youth will take your order for Christmas Wreaths. They cost \$20 each and the proceeds go to the Youth Fund. Wreaths can be picked up after December 2.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The Advent Devotional booklets entitled "Tear Open the Heavens" for 2014 have arrived. It is a collection of daily short readings written by the Stillspeaking Writers'

Group. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$3.00 per booklet which helps defray the costs. The devotionals will be available in the McDougle Narthex prior to worship and in Talkington Hall after worship the next two Sundays. Supplies are limited. Deacons Co-Chair, *Kathy Crummer*

ADULT EDUCATION

December 7 @ 9 a.m. "Discovering Practices for Awakening Leadership: For the recovery of human life and the healing of God's creation" Led by Sue Koger. Take note of the 9 a.m. start time! In Adult Education Class room.

HOSTING SIHN OVER CHRISTMAS

We have a great opportunity to extend an extravagant welcome to the Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network families that will be with us Christmas week. Who has this opportunity; you say? This could be an individual, a family, a group of friends, some members of one of our church's committees/groups who would like to take one of the following ideas and run with it. This is for anyone who would like a way to give of him or herself this season. Sign ups for this and for our full array of other needs that week have already begun; don't miss out.

List of ideas:

Organize the Christmas Day Potluck – this will include the IHN families who are with us that day and will be opened up to anyone in our church family who does not have somewhere to celebrate on that day.

Help with serving and kitchen duty at our Christmas day potluck.

Organize and lead a family craft activity or two for the families on Christmas Eve afternoon. An idea could be for them to make wreaths to put up in their rooms.

Provide cookies and wassail or/punch for the youth's tree trimming, caroling, and Christmas stockings party Monday night at 7 p.m.

Donate a Christmas ornament or two (basket

is in the narthex) to trim the tree at our party on Monday.

Provide and serve a hot breakfast for the families on Christmas Eve.

Provide lunch fixings for Christmas Eve.

Provide homemade cinnamon rolls (muffins, or...) on Christmas morning.

Donate wrapping paper and help wrap the gifts that have been purchased for the family to be given to them on Christmas day.

Provide stockings and stocking stuffer gifts – bring these to Advent Fest on December 7, or drop them by the church any time.

Make and bring sugar cookies that the families could then decorate and eat.

Plan and lead an activity for the children on Friday or Saturday night.

And of course we have our usual full array of needs for that week. Maybe your whole family would like to do evening host or overnight host since kids are out of school that week. You could plan a fun Christmas movie or game or art project to do with families while there. Any other ideas???

Susan Bearden, M&O



UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ADVENTURES

Nov. 23, Senior High Youth Group, 11:45-2 p.m.

Come have lunch together, walk the labyrinth, catch up and check in, and play some group-building games. This is also the youth group meeting where you can have input on mid-high events for the winter and spring – come with ideas and requests!

Dec. 7, Advent Fest!

Come help out with Advent Fest, after wor-

ship. Wear a Festive Christmas Sweater, help little ones with their crafts, participate in the dessert contest if you like. Youth are an essential part of this community event – please come!

Dec. 13, Caroling!

3 p.m.

Come bring Christmas Cheer to members of our church who might need a little extra joy this winter. Join us for this intergenerational event of traipsing around Salem together to sing to members and friends of our church, followed by a potluck chili dinner back at the church. Starts at 3pm at the church.

Dec. 14, Paint Day in the Youth Room!

12 p.m.-2 p.m.

The Youth Room has bright new colors, but the walls are blank! Bobby Brewer-Wallin sketched the outlines of our designs in pencil on the wall, and now we get to paint them in! Come finish the project we started this summer, and make the youth room awesome. Wear clothes that can get painty!

Dec. 21, Pageant during worship

Come help out, cheer on, or even participate in this year's pageant! If you'd like a part, please come to rehearsals during learning hour on December 7 and 14. After worship, help wrap stocking stuffers and presents for the SIHN Christmas party the following night.

Dec. 22, SIHN Christmas Party,

7 p.m.!

We're hosting the SIHN families over Christmas, and we're throwing them a party on the 22nd! All hands are needed to come give out stockings, sing Christmas carols, decorate the tree, eat cookies, paint ornaments, and make the season bright for the families staying with us. Volunteer opportunities also available on the evening of Dec. 23, if you'd like to come back – contact Pastor Emily if you'd like to come make gingerbread houses with our guests.

FAMILY BUILDING BLOCKS GIVING TREE

Help make Christmas Merry and Bright for a Salem family who needs a little extra help to



get presents under the tree this holiday season. A basketball, a new pair of shoes, a special toy, or some money to help pay the heating bill could be the difference between an okay Christmas and a magical Christmas for a family in Salem – and you could be the one to make it happen for them! Tags are on the tree in the McDougale Narthex – grab one or a few, purchase a gift or two, and return everything (un-wrapped, with the tag firmly attached) to church by Sunday, December 7 (Day of Advent Fest). Family Building Blocks will pick up the gifts on Dec. 8. and are not giving us an extension of the deadline (we already asked). Thanks for all you do for the community, and for all you do to help everyone experience the magic of Christmas.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

All men and women are invited to our luncheon at 12:15 on Wednesday, December 3rd. Come and enjoy lunch together and bring a friend! The special entertainment is provided by the "Main Street Singers" choral group from Central High School. Under the direction of Jeff Witt, this program of beautiful Christmas music is a holiday delight each year. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to get in the Spirit of the Season.

CONFLUENCE' CHORUS "Winter Wonder" Concert December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Confluence Chorus, under the artistic direction of "our own" Ray Elliott, performs their Winter Concert in our church on Friday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets cost \$15 (\$12 seniors/students) and are available from choir members Susie D'Anna, Melvin Stewart, Lyndsey Houser or Chris Sproul. At the door, the ticket price is \$18 (\$15 seniors/students). No one is turned away for lack of funds.

CAROLING, DECEMBER 13, 3 P.M.!

Come join us for an intergenerational extravaganza to spread Christmas Cheer! Gather at the church, and we'll head out together to sing, visit, and bring joy to some members of our congregation who might need a little extra Christmas spirit this winter. Then return for a pot-luck chili dinner in church. Not up for the drive? Join us for the chili, and we'll tell you how it went! All are welcome at this joy-filled event.

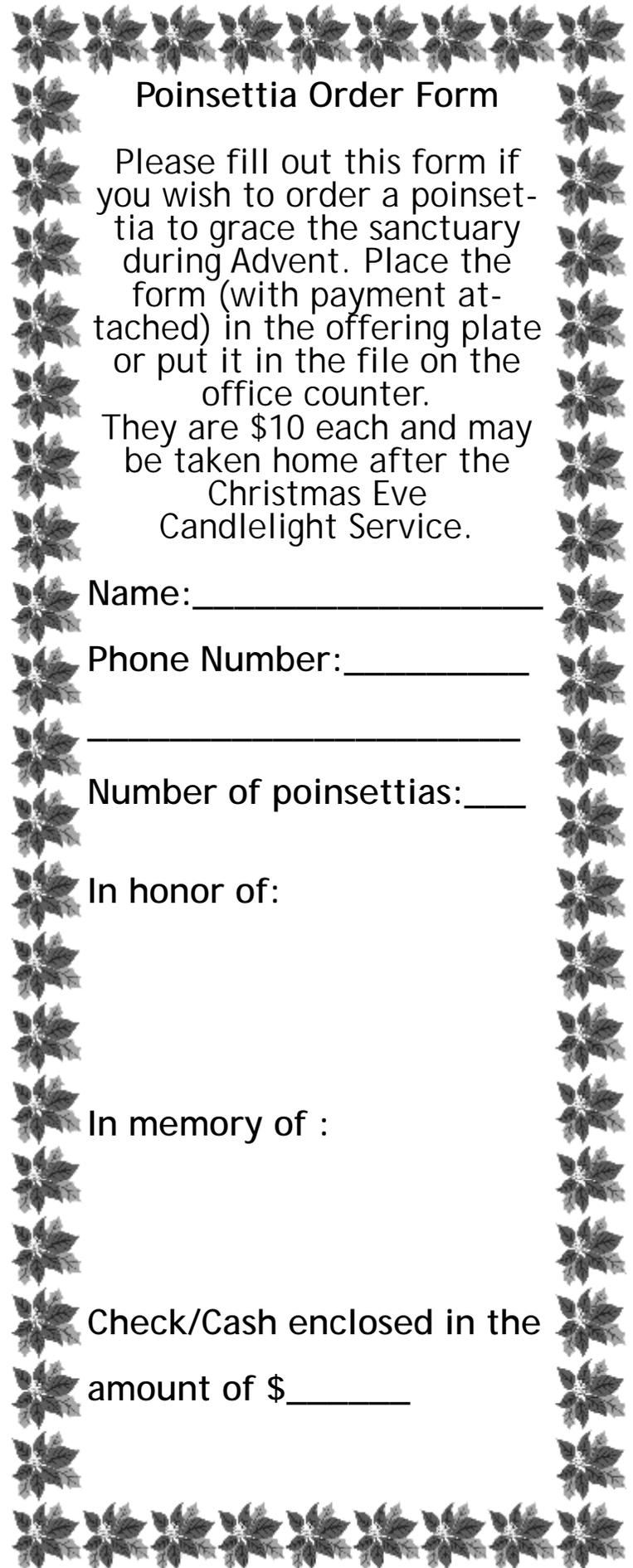
INSTA-PAGEANT

During December 21 worship

Calling all angels and shepherds, wise people and singers – we're doing a pageant! In an effort to balance the joy of a pageant, and the busy-ness of our FCUCC families' lives, we're doing a quick, 3-rehearsal pageant to be shared during worship on Dec. 21. This pageant (details to come soon) will be rehearsed during Learning Hour on Dec. 7 and 14, and before worship on Dec. 21. We will find roles for all children who would like to be involved – please try to get your young disciples to worship each of these three days, so we can rehearse and put together the pageant of all pageants! And prepare to be wowed and spirit-filled on the 21st for our interactive, intergenerational worship service that includes beautiful music, a pageant of fun and joy, and our whole church family together as we anticipate the birth of the Christ Child!

CHRISTMAS EVE'S 5:30 P.M. SERVICE

A child-friendly Lessons and Carols service that's open to all yet geared more towards our children. With stories and carols, and maybe a costume or two for the daring angel or shepherd who wants to bring the story alive. If kids are interested in being readers, contact Pastor Emily for a role!



Poinsettia Order Form

Please fill out this form if you wish to order a poinsettia to grace the sanctuary during Advent. Place the form (with payment attached) in the offering plate or put it in the file on the office counter.

They are \$10 each and may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of poinsettias: _____

In honor of:

In memory of :

Check/Cash enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Weekly Recurring Events

Sundays

8:30 a.m.

Contemplative Prayer Group,

Conference Room

9:15 a.m.

Adult Learning Hour,

Adult Education Classroom

(Note: on December 7, this class starts at 9 a.m., not 9:15 a.m.)

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service & Children's Learning Hour

11:45 a.m.

Fellowship Time, Talkington Hall

Mondays

12 noon

Adult Book Study meets in Parlor

The group is reading: *A People's History of Christianity* written by Diana Butler Bass. Don Lundberg facilitates. Join us!

7 p.m.

Bell Choir rehearsal, Huntington Hall Stage--until 8:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

3:30 p.m.

Meet up with Pastor Emily at the Ike Box until 5 p.m.

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer Group—meets on the main floor

This group does not meet on fourth Wednesdays when we offer a Taizé Prayer Service.

Thursdays

7:15 p.m. **Chancel Choir rehearsal with Ray Elliott, director.** New voices are always welcome. Join!

Monthly Recurring Events

Third Mondays at 6:30 p.m. **Woman Spirit** bevnjenny@comcast.net for more info.

4th Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. **Taizé Prayer Service** in the Mayflower Chapel (Not in December)

1st Saturdays at 8:05 a.m. **Men's Breakfast** at McGrath's Restaurant (downtown location)

You are invited to join any group at any time. All are welcome!





Advent Fest 2014
Sunday, December 7,
immediately following worship

- * Potluck sandwich buffet and cookie dessert
(Prizes for most festive sandwich and cookie platters.)
- * Story time with Mrs. Lyndsey Houser-Claus
(We'll sing carols, too.)
- * Advent wreath decorating with fresh greens and candles
(Bring your Advent wreath from last year, if you still have it)
- * Card making—Cookie decorating—Cool crafts galore
- * Christmas sweater contest: ugly, funny, sweet—wear them!
 - * Fill SIHN's stocking:
Bring 1 (new) stocking stuffer for a child or an adult who are in the SIH Network and staying with us over Christmas this year.

* Christmas Book/
Christmas Music exchange:
Bring a book or CD and
exchange it for a new-to-you
book or CD.

- * Fair trade shopping with
One Fair World

Everyone, put this joy-and-cheer-filled afternoon of Christmas fun on your calendars!

THINGS TO BRING BESIDES YOUR

LOVELY SELVES:

- ◇ A platter of sandwiches
- ◇ A platter of cookies
(there are 2 culinary prizes for most festive platters—label your creations!)
- ◇ A new stocking stuffer
- ◇ Greens (fir) from your yard
- ◇ Last year's advent wreath, if you still have it.
- ◇ X-mas book/cd to swap
(Bring some or all of the above.)
- ◇ **Wear Christmas sweaters!**

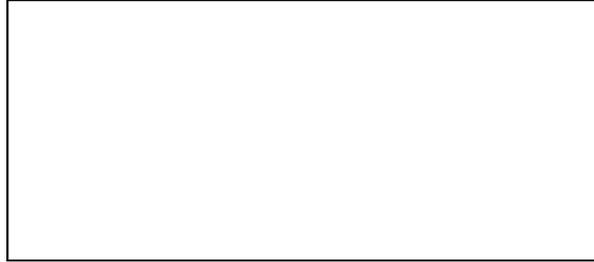


Calendar

Friday, November 21	6:00 p.m.	Pizza & Potables at Jeroen & Annemieke Laport's
Saturday, November 22	6:00 p.m.	Pizza & Potables at Rich & Dell Ford's
Sunday, November 23	10:30 a.m.	Ingathering Sunday—bring your pledge cards, Time & Talent Sheets, and food for the Food Bank
Wednesday, Nov. 26	5:30 p.m.	Taizé prayer service
Thurs. & Fri. Nov. 27 & 28		Thanksgiving Day — building closed
Tuesday, December 2	6:30 p.m.	Welcoming Committee meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 3	12:15 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Lunch with performance by Jeff Witt's Central HS Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Emergency Warming Shelter Training, Talkington
	7:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice meeting, Conference Room
Thursday, Dec. 4	6:15 p.m.	Mission and Outreach meeting, Conference Room
Sunday, Dec. 7	9:00 a.m.	Adult Learning Hour with Sue Koger-note the time! Family Building Blocks Giving Tree deadline
	11:45 a.m.	Potluck Sandwich & Cookie lunch and...Advent Fest!!!
Tuesday, Dec. 9	6:30 p.m.	Reiki Share Circle, Talkington Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday, Dec. 10	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting, Parlor
Friday, Dec. 12	6:00 p.m.	LBGTQ dinner at Table 5-08
	7:30 p.m.	Confluence Chorus Concert ""Winter Wonder""
Saturday, Dec. 13	3:00 p.m.	Caroling with potluck chili dinner to follow
Sunday, Dec. 14	12 noon	Youth groups paint the Youth Room
	3:00 p.m.	Wedding Jeff Standy and Ken Cook
	7:00 p.m.	Cello concert by Bruce McIntosh, Sanctuary
	12 midnight	Shalom deadline
Tuesday, Dec. 16	5:30 p.m.	Deacons meeting, Nursery
Wednesday, Dec. 17	1:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Day Circle meets at Marjorie Covey's home
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Board mtg., Nursery
Sunday, Dec. 21	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Pageant during worship
	5:00 p.m.	Families in the Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network arrive for a week's stay
Monday, Dec. 22	7:00 p.m.	SIHN Christmas party
Wednesday, Dec. 24		Christmas Eve —Limited office hours
	5:30 p.m.	Child-friendly Christmas Eve Service
	9:30 p.m.	Wassail & Cookie Reception
	10:30 p.m.	Lessons and Carols: A Candlelight Service
Thurs. & Fri. Dec. 25&26		Christmas — building closed
Sunday, Dec. 28	8:00 a.m.	SIHN families leave
Thursday, Jan. 1		Building closed

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INSTALLATION OF REV. DR. DEBORAH PATTERSON

The Church Council of Smyrna UCC would be delighted if you would honor us with your presence for the installation of Rev. Dr. Deborah Patterson as pastor of Smyrna United Church of Christ on the second Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Karen Wood, Chaplain and Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Willamette University, will preach. A reception will follow. Clergy please wear your robes and stoles.

TALENT- NO TALENT SHOW SET FOR FEB. 28!

Mark your calendars for some mid-winter intergenerational fun-- Saturday, February 28!!! Sign-ups will start in the end of January.