

Hi friends,

There are a few things coming up that we want you to be aware of this week. I know for many of us it has been a difficult month. Many of us are grieving in some way... either the loss of loved ones or loss of traditions and events that are so meaningful to us, in this strange year we have had together. I hope that you can find a place to participate in the list of events below, if for no other reason than to connect with others when we need to be apart.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE DRIVE-IN

We apologize! We posted the wrong times for the Christmas Eve Drive-In Service. The correct times are 5 pm & 7 pm on Christmas Eve. We will be having a special time of worship. Because we are unable to meet inside our Sanctuary for a “Normal” Candlelight Service, we will be presenting a Drive-In church service that includes video projection, spoken word, music, and candlelight to celebrate this most holy night! Come and participate in the comfort of your warm car at this creative and meaningful Christmas Eve event. Go to <https://reopen.church/r/yYVuCLI4> to register your parking spot for one of the services. We are limited to 45 parking spaces so when you register record how many cars you will have, **NOT** how many people are in the car.

ALL-CHURCH GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING EVENT

Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 PM on Zoom

You are invited to the all-church gingerbread house making event on Zoom on Sunday, December 13th at 5 PM! For this event, you will need to pick up the items that are on the Gingerbread House Supply List below.

Gingerbread House Supply List

- At least 5 rectangle graham crackers
- Royal icing...homemade or store bought (Best frosting to help “glue” the house together)
- 4 cups (480g) confectioners’ sugar, sifted
- 3 Tablespoons **meringue powder** or (3 ounces pasteurized egg whites and no water)
- ¼ tsp. **Cream of Tarter**

If using meringue powder...9–10 tablespoons room temperature water

- Can of white frosting...tastes better and works well for decorating and adhering the candies to the base
- Cardboard base covered in aluminum foil, or a sturdy paper plate

Serrated knife

- Disposable piping bag or a baggie (scissors to cut end)
- Download, print, and assemble a small milk carton out of construction paper and cover with foil or wax paper (dimensions 2.5 width on all sides) or purchase a dairy product in a carton with the correct dimensions, rinse out and use!

- **Candy**...gum drops, Red hots, mini candy canes, ribbon candy, cinnamon bears, M&M's, Skittles, sprinkles, peppermints in green and red and Sixlets. Get creative!

Then follow the link to join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/98645413505> Meeting ID: 986 4541 3505, log in on December 13th at 5 pm and join the fun!

LIVE STREAM VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SING- A-LONG

Wednesday, December 16th at 6:15 PM

One of the highlights of the Advent and Christmas Seasons are singing Christmas Hymns and Carols. It seems that we never have enough opportunity to sing everyone's favorites, so we are having a Sing-along Wednesday December 16th at 6:15 pm via our YouTube Channel. Join Amberley Almarode and Margo Cox for a fun time of singing Christmas Carols and Hymns from the comfort of your own home. Follow this link to tune in on the December 16th :
<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

We will be having our Sunday Worship service virtually at <https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>. We continue the Season of Advent with Pastor Mark's Sermon Series on Mary. What better figure in scripture to lead us into a season of expectation for a Savior to be born!

Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who have been working so hard behind the scenes to make these events happen!

VIRTUAL ½ HOUR COFFEE HOUR

Each Sunday at 11:30 AM

Join us at 11:30 am after our Sunday Worship Service for an open Zoom format to connect and share a cup of coffee with one another. After our Sunday Worship Service, we will have an open Zoom conference for people to stop in and see each other face to face and just reconnect with one another. Feel free to stop in for a few minutes, or for the whole half hour and see who needs a haircut and say hello to friends. Follow this Zoom link at 11:30 am on Sunday Mornings. To log in: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/92776382874> - Meeting ID: 927 7638 2874.

CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 20th at 10:30 AM

Normally this year our Sunday School and Children's Ministries would have organized and presented a Children's Christmas Pageant. Because we are required to continue with Virtual Worship services, Chuck Smith has created a recording and filming studio in the church so that our kids can come in individually and film their lines and scenes for a full production video of our kids Christmas program. (Thank you, Chuck, for your hard work in putting this together!) Tune in to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia> Sunday December 20th at 10:30 am for this very special program!!

Even with the restrictions in place on public gatherings, there is so much happening at KFUMC! I hope that you can tune in and participate in any and all the Advent events happening this month!

Now... Go wash your hands!

Pastor Mark