

Hi friends,

The third week of Advent is here! Here are some of the things happening this week and the weeks ahead:

Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing-along

On Thursday, December 16th at 6 pm we will be having our Advent/Christmas Sing-along! Feel free to join us in person in the sanctuary or tune in to the livestream and request songs and sing along as we celebrate that God is with us! Lyric sheets will be provided, and you can request songs that you would like to sing whether you are in person or by participating in the comment section on the live stream!

All-Church Gingerbread House Building EXTRAVAGANZA!

On Sunday, December 19th at 11:30 am following Worship in Ida Payne Fellowship Hall, each person will get to build their own Christmas Cottage made from pop tarts, frosting, and candy!! The church will supply all your building materials if you pre-register by calling the church office at 509- 582-2163, Or by registering online at <https://rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLI4>. ***YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED BY December 15th to participate!*** Please feel free to eat in advance or bring a sack lunch.

Christmas Eve Services

Join us on December 24th at 4 pm or 7 pm for a special service of lights and carols. The 4 pm service will include a special time for our kids and childcare will be available.

Adult gatherings during the Sunday School hour

There are several opportunities for adults to gather while the kids are participating in their Sunday School classes at the 9 am hour. Feel free to join in the book study that Jim Deatherage and Bob Kelly are leading in the Suzanna Wesley Room. If you are “Craftier” there is a group that

meets in the Ida Payne Fellowship Hall making easy to create “Tie Blankets” to hand out to people who need them to keep warm during the winter months, or if you like you can gather with a group of parents in the couch area of Wesleyan Hall downstairs and share a cup of coffee and conversation. These are great opportunities to grow in our faith and make friends. We hope you can find a spot to participate on Sundays before worship at 10am!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Join us on the Zoom Platform December 15th, at 11 am, as we continue our short four-week study on the scripture passages that lead us up to the events of Christmas. Here is the link.

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96778398043>

Meeting ID: 967 7839 8043

Feel free to join us for this study with friends!

Sunday Morning Worship this Sunday at 10 am

The season of Advent is here! This Sunday is the third Sunday in the Season of Advent. We will continue with all the traditions and meaning that our community has as we spend time in this season of expectation. If gathering in-person is not the best option for you, remember that you can tune into our Live Stream as well... Here is the link: (<https://www.youtube.com/PiratesoftheColumbia>)

Diane Hansen's Passing

For all of those who knew Jerry and Diane Hansen (former long-time members who moved to Minnesota in 2016), Diane passed peacefully from lung cancer on December 7th with Jerry by her side. For those of you who would like to send sympathy cards to Jerry, his address is: 11993 Tiffany Lane, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.