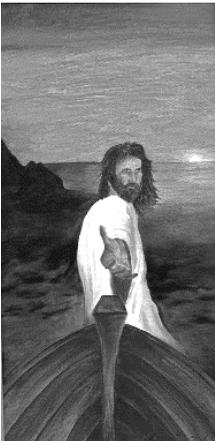


TODAY

NO OTHER GODS – Rev. Anne Robertson: TODAY at 11:30 a.m.

Plan on staying after worship today for what will be a remarkable conversation with Rev. Anne Robertson. Anne lifts up the first three of the Ten Commandments and sees in them a methodology for making our way through these confusing times. She writes “Idols are not just relics of a pagan past. They are the things that trick us into putting them above all else in our lives, taking for themselves the power and authority that rightly belong to authentic faith and loving community. From naked partisanship to gun control, our divisions are stoked by undue influence from shadowy players. Come, help us pull back the curtain to see the pretenders.” For more information please be in touch with Pastor Stacy (stacy@ucw.org).

CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED**EDUCATION AND FORMATION**

**ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET – STEPPING OUT OF THE BOAT**

Would you consider contributing something to our Advent Reflection Booklet? In our Advent book we will be reflecting on what “stepping out” for (or in) Hope, Peace, Joy and Love looks like (or could look like) in our lives and in our world. Do you have a story, poem, picture, thought or wondering that you’d be willing to share? The Advent Booklet is a much beloved tradition where we get to hear from each other what is on our hearts and minds. If you’d be willing to contribute a piece to the Booklet, please be in touch with Pastor Stacy.

The deadline for contributions is Sunday, November 25th

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

High School Youth Group – TODAY, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Reception Room

Our High School Youth Group will meet tonight for dinner, fun, and service. We'll share a Thanksgiving-themed dinner, a time for reflection and fun, and then work on a service project together as we prepare for our Mitten Tree to support Project Care & Concern. Hope to see you there!

Community Advent Wreath-Making – After Worship, December 2nd

Following our beloved Hanging of the Greens worship service, as we prepare our sanctuary for Advent, all are invited to come downstairs to the stage to create a beautiful Advent wreath for your home. These wreaths are a meaningful way for your family to mark the weeks of Advent together, and to remember and connect with the season's Hope, Love, Peace and Joy in the midst of otherwise busy days. We'll provide the materials, you provide the creativity and love. Donations appreciated. If you have an Advent wreath frame from past years, please feel free to bring it and decorate it together!



Newton Early Release Day Family Fun: Holiday Crafts and Games – Wednesday, Dec. 5th

Looking for a warm, fun place to go on the December Newton public school early release day? Swing by the Littlehale room for winter crafts and games, snacks and hot cocoa! We'll have a great time together and share Christmas cheer in this first week of December. Kids should be accompanied by an adult, and all are welcome! Bring a friend or two!

MISSION OUTREACH

Special Thanksgiving Offering - TODAY

This season we give thanks for family, a warm home and food on the table. Unfortunately, many displaced people have left the only home they've known and some have been separated from their families. This year's special Thanksgiving offering recipient will be Church World Service, a faith-based organization that welcomes and supports immigrants and refugees. Their reach is global, but also includes providing support for U.S. immigrants through teams of attorneys to assist in obtaining legal status and helping to keep families together.

The mission leadership team has heard concerns from many in our congregation regarding the current situation for U.S. immigrants. If you would like to contribute to Church World Service, please use the designated envelopes in the pew pockets or write "special collection" in the memo line of your check. Other contributions received during the offering will be used to support the ministries of the Union Church.

GREENS SALE

It's that time of year again! The greens sale is an annual fundraiser that supports our mission and outreach work in the church. Wreaths, poinsettias, sprigs and other festive decorations are available to purchase to prepare our homes and our sanctuary for Advent and the celebration of Christmas. Please look for an order form in the bulletin and online.

Orders are due by Nov. 25th.

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to Alicia Collins for laying our table and hosting today's fellowship time. If you would like to host a future, after church Fellowship Hour, please sign up through the Sign-Up Genius webpage. The link can be found on the UCW website at ucw.org and in the Friday e-blast.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Nov. 18	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Group	For a complete listing, and details of all upcoming events, please visit our website, www.ucw.org
	8:30 a.m.	Teacher's Breakfast	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
	10:00 a.m.	Worship	
	11:30 a.m.	No Other Gods	
	6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group	
Mon., Nov. 19	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study	
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
Tue., Nov. 20	6:30 p.m.	Moderators/Pastors mtg.	
Thurs., Nov. 22	10:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving (Church Office Closed)	
Sun., Nov. 25	10:00 a.m.	Worship	
	11:30 a.m.	Nica Team Mtg.	

Note: Material for inclusion in the Friday e-Blast newsletter or our Sunday Announcements insert should be e-mailed to the office at ucw@ucw.org, by **9:00 a.m. on the previous Wednesday** morning. Please specify whether for e-Blast, Sunday Announcements, or both. Thank you!