

**CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES****Today! Community Advent Wreath-Making – After Worship**

If you missed making an Advent Wreath last Sunday, please join us following worship on the stage to create a beautiful wreath for your home! Advent 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.

**Christmas Pageant: Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> (Rehearsals today; Sat. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 9a.m.; and Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 9a.m.)**

Please plan to join us next week for our beloved annual Christmas Pageant, as our children and youth lead us in worship and the telling of the Christmas story! Today during Sunday School, we'll assign parts, pick out costumes, and remember the story together. We'll plan another rehearsal on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., and will gather before worship next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a final run-through. We hope your child or youth will be a part of this meaningful service! With questions or to get involved, please contact Pastor Amy ([amy@ucw.org](mailto:amy@ucw.org)), or see the Sign-up Genius sent to families this week.

**Parents' Group – This Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Reception Room**

Gather with fellow parents as we support and learn from each other, and share the joys and challenges of parenting. This group gathers every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**Middle School Youth Group Christmas Party: Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

We hope all middle-schoolers will plan to join us for our awesome annual Christmas Party and White Elephant gift exchange at the home of Susan Hunt Stevens! Middle school families should receive an Evite. Please contact Pastor Amy ([amy@ucw.org](mailto:amy@ucw.org)) with questions.

**High School Youth Group: December Christmas Gathering, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)**

High Schoolers will meet this coming Sunday as we celebrate the Advent season and Christmas together, and look ahead to the New Year!

## MISSION OUTREACH

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### **Mitten Tree: The beloved Mitten Tree is in full swing!**



If you didn't have a chance to grab a green or red mitten last weekend please do so this Sunday. We hope to have found homes for all of the mittens by this weekend!! All wrapped gifts should be brought back to UCW by next Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Please attach the mitten to the outside of the gift. Thank you so much for your generosity this Christmas season!!

We have two groups of recipients—Waban Health (RED mittens) and Project Care and Concern (GREEN mittens). Both organizations provide housing for those in need. Many of the recipients will not receive any other gifts this year and your kindness is appreciated.

Be sure that someone records your name with the mitten you've chosen.

RED mittens are for the residents of Waban Health. We are creating gift baskets for this group this year. Take an empty gift basket and a cellophane bag. Suggested contents for the gift baskets are outlined on the back of the mittens. Please be sure to have your cellophane-wrapped gift basket with mitten attached back to the church by **Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**.

GREEN mittens are for the residents of Project Care and Concern. We will use our traditional system with this group—the requested gift item is indicated on the back of the mitten. Please return the wrapped gift, with mitten affixed by **Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Christmas Special Offering**

The mission leadership team is soliciting suggestions for this year's special collections Christmas offering. Please speak to Jaap van Reijendam or Carol Bascom-Slack TODAY if you have a suggestion.

### **Christmas Greens**

The greens sale is an annual fundraiser that supports our mission and outreach work in the church. Greens are available for pick up after worship TODAY.

### **Thank you for your generosity!**

Our Thanksgiving special collection raised \$823 to support the Church World Service's work with immigrants.

## ADULT EDUCATION AND FORMATION

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### Getting to Know You - Union Church Informational Gathering:

Today at 11:30 a.m.

- Are you interested in learning about the Union Church in Waban?
- Are you curious about our history, how we came to be and what we are up to now?
- Are you wondering how you could deepen your involvement in the church?
- Perhaps you are considering membership?

If so, please join us after church at 11:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room (across from the church office). If you are not able to join us today but are interested in this conversation, please be in touch with Pastor Stacy ([stacy@ucw.org](mailto:stacy@ucw.org)).

### Receiving New Members: Sunday, December. 23<sup>rd</sup>

We will be receiving new members during worship. If you are interested in joining the church please be in touch with Pastor Stacy.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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<b>Sun., Dec. 9</b>	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Advent Wreath - Making
	11:30 a.m.	Getting to Know You (see above)
	11:30 a.m.	Greens Pick-up (after service)
Mon., Dec. 10	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tue., Dec. 11	6:00 p.m.	Retreat Debrief Mtg.
	7:30 p.m.	Parents Group
Wed., Dec. 12	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
	6:30 p.m.	Mission Leadership Group
	6:30 p.m.	Co-Moderator's Team Mtg.
Fri., Dec. 14	6:30 p.m.	Middle School Christmas Party
<b>Sun., Dec. 16</b>	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Christmas Pageant)
	6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group

For a complete listing, and details of all upcoming events, please visit our website, [www.ucw.org](http://www.ucw.org)

**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](mailto: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!

## **TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR- ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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Thank you to Diane Tillotson 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](http://ucw.org) and in the Friday e-blast.

### **SERVICES AT THE UNION CHURCH OVER ADVENT**

SEEKING HOPE, PEACE, LOVE AND JOY ?  
WE HOPE OUR CHURCH CAN BE A SANCTUARY TO YOU

**MAGNIFICAT SUNDAY** - Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** - Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE** - Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS SUNDAY** - Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS** - Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

IN THE NEWTON VILLAGE OF WABAN ON THE GREEN LINE. STAFFED NURSERY CARE.

**THE UNION CHURCH IN WABAN**

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