

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

NEXT SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – KIDS LEAD US IN WORSHIP**Sunday, December 15th (rehearsal, Saturday, Dec. 14th at 9:30 a.m.)****Today: Kids will spend the entirety of our worship time preparing.**

We're excited for our child-and-youth-led Advent worship service next Sunday, and kids will spend this morning finalizing their parts, picking out costumes and rehearsing. If you or your kids would like to be a part of it, and aren't here today, please let Pastor Amy (amy@ucw.org) know. There are ways for everyone to participate!

**Christmas Pageant****INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT WREATH-MAKING****TODAY December 8th following worship, Stage**

Bring the light of peace, love, hope and joy into your home during this Advent season! We'll have supplies again this week to create an Advent wreath for your home -- just bring your creativity and a desire to create sacred space in the busyness of the season. If you have a wire frame from years past, please feel free to bring it to add new greens and candles. Donations towards materials are welcome.

RE-SCHEDULED - EXPLORING OUR FAITH – TONIGHT!

The snow kept us from gathering last week, so we'll gather tonight from 5-6:30 p.m. at the church. Mentors are always invited, but not expected. Please contact Amy (amy@ucw.org).

RE-SCHEDULED! MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY- Saturday, December 14th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Middle School Youth and members of the Youth Ministry Team are invited to gather at the Hunt-Stevens home with friends for food, Christmas-themed games, and a white-elephant gift exchange (bring something wacky, weird or wonderful under \$10). We'll have a jolly good time! Please RSVP on WeSpire, or contact Amy (amy@ucw.org) or Susan (susan@huntstevens.com).

CAROLING AT NORWOOD HEALTH – Next Sunday, December 15th at 1:30 p.m.

All ages are invited to join this joyous tradition, as we bring holiday cheer to our friends at the Norwood Health Center. Please plan to gather at the church at 12:45 p.m. We'll go over a few songs, and then carpool together.

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to the Diane Tillotson for laying our table and hosting our fellowship time this morning. 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.

MISSION OUTREACH

MITTEN TREE 2019

Were you away last weekend and didn't have a chance to grab a mitten from the Christmas tree? No worries- we have LOTS more waiting to be taken and made into a Christmas gift either for a resident at Norwood Healthcare, or for a resident with Project Care and Concern in Boston.

Here's what you need to know:

- 1. Red mittens-** each red mitten has male/female on it and a list of suggested items you might want to include in the holiday gift basket for a resident at Norwood Healthcare. These are just suggestions- fill your basket with whatever you think an elderly person would enjoy having. You will be given a basket, prayer bookmark and cellophane to wrap your gift basket in and return it to the chapel. Pls include the mitten attached to the basket!
- 2. Green mittens-** each green mitten has the name of a resident living in one of the group homes with Project Care and Concern. Pls shop for that individual and return the gift wrapped with the mitten on the outside of the package.



All wrapped gifts need to be back to UCW on Sunday Dec 15th.

We have an unusually large number of mittens this year, and we so appreciate the congregation's generosity in helping to fill the larger need. Any questions please contact Molly Owen-Kiritsy (mollymok4@gmail.com) or Erika Pond (epond33@gmail.com). Thanks so very much!

Homelessness and Housing

This year your Mission Outreach Leadership Team is organizing its work (and coordinating with the other areas of UCW life) around seasonal themes. These will provide an organizing context for the many mission activities and we will coordinate educational opportunities, worship, and children's education around these themes when possible. We also hope to coordinate our seasonal offerings around these themes.

Themes are as follows:

Winter – Homelessness and Housing

February 2 – Common Art Show at the Union Church

March 1 – Public Voices Speakers from City Mission

Spring – Climate Change (and disaster relief)

For more information about these offerings, please see the Friday e-blast. Or please feel free to reach out to Carol Bascom-Slack, Jaap van Reijendam or Julie Heffernan.

ADULT EDUCATION, SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

NEW DAY – THURSDAY MORNINGS

PRAYER GROUP: 7:30 – 8:15 a.m.

We live in a noisy world. There is much that clamors for our attention. Even when we shut our eyes at night it may take a while for the din to die down enough for us to sleep. You are invited into a practice of cultivating spaciousness and silence. You are invited into the beauty of the morning light streaming in through the windows of Memorial Chapel. You are invited to rest a while in the peace of stillness. If you have questions, please be in touch with Sandra DaDalt or Pastor Stacy.

YOGA WITH ANDREW CONTINUES

THURSDAYS, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join body and spirit in an accessible yoga class. In this hour-long class, we will join breath and body both in energetic flow and restorative stretching. No matter where you are on your yoga journey, you will build strength and find a quiet restful center. This class is accessible to all body types and abilities. Please bring a yoga mat and any favorite props. Andrew has some props and mats available to borrow.

BOOK GROUP

DECEMBER 10TH, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Our next book is “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

“In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation’s history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of “race,” a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?”

(Amazon review)

NEWCOMERS – WE WELCOME YOU!

Nametags – Knowing each other by name is important to us. It is a way to say to each other that you and I matter and it is an invitation into friendship and community. If you are new to us and do not yet have a name tag, please use the welcome card in the pew pocket to let us know that you would like one to be waiting for you the next time you come into this place.

Friday e-blast – Every Friday an electronic newsletter/update is sent to the community. It features much information about upcoming events as well as reflections on what has been. If you would like to subscribe to this vital information channel within the church, again please fill out the welcome card and indicate such.

Membership – Could the Union Church be a spiritual home for you and your family? Would you like to learn more about the Union Church in Waban, its history, its present-day programs and offerings, and its vision for the future? If so, please reach out to Pastor Stacy (stacy@ucw.org or 617-759-9016).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Dec. 8	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making
	11:30 a.m.	Montgomery Traveler's Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Exploring Our Faith Mtg.
Mon., Dec. 9	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tue., Dec. 10	7:00 p.m.	Book Group
Wed., Dec. 11	7:15 p.m.	1K Church Meeting
Thur., Dec. 12	7:30 a.m.	Prayer Group (Memorial Chapel)
	9:00 a.m.	Thursday Morning Yoga with Andrew Heintz
	6:00 p.m.	Mission Leadership Mtg.
	6:00 p.m.	Nicaragua Planning Meeting
Sat., Dec. 14	9:30 a.m.	Pageant Rehearsal
Sun., Dec. 15	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Christmas Pageant)
	11:30 a.m.	EOF Christmas Lunch & Caroling
	5:30 p.m.	Nicaragua Travelers' Mtg.
	7:30 p.m.	Parents Gathering

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For a complete
listing, and details
of upcoming
events, please visit
our website,
www.ucw.org

COPY DEADLINE: Material for inclusion in the Friday e-blast newsletter or the Sunday Announcements should be e-mailed to the office at ucw@ucw.org, by **9:00 a.m. on the previous Wednesday morning.**

SEEKING HOPE, PEACE, LOVE AND JOY ?

WE HOPE OUR CHURCH CAN BE A SANCTUARY TO YOU

MAGNIFICAT SUNDAY Dec. 8th, 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Dec. 15th, 10:00 a.m.

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE Dec. 20th, 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY Dec. 22nd, 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS Dec. 24th, 6:00 p.m.

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In the Newton village of Waban on the Green Line. Staffed nursery care.

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