

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Today! Community Advent Wreath-Making – After Worship, Dec. 2nd

Following our Hanging of the Greens service today, all are invited 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.



Christmas Pageant: Dec. 16th (Rehearsals on Dec. 9th and 15th)



Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Pageant, as our children and youth lead us in worship and the telling of the Christmas story. If your child or youth would like to participate, please plan to come to Sunday School next week (Dec. 9th), contact Pastor Amy (amy@ucw.org), or see the Sign-up Genius sent to families this week.

Newton Early Release Day: Holiday Crafts and Games – Wednesday, Dec. 5th, 12:30 -2:30 p.m.

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, and a light lunch! 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!

Parents' Group – Tuesday, Dec. 11th, 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 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Middle School Youth Group Christmas Party: Friday, Dec. 14th

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) with questions.

MISSION OUTREACH

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



We invite you to share the spirit of giving by providing a gift to those who are less fortunate. 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. 16th**.

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. 16th**.

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 during fellowship or send the name of the organization, a brief description of its work and what it means to you to mission@ucw.org by **Sunday, Dec. 9th**.

Christmas Greens

The greens sale is an annual fundraiser that supports our mission and outreach work in the church. If you ordered greens for your home from our annual greens sale, pickup times are as follows:

Friday, Dec. 7th from 5-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8th from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9th after services

Note: Extra trees are still available for purchase.

ADULT EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Getting to Know You - Union Church informational gathering:

Sunday, December 9th 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 on Sunday, December 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the meeting room (across from the church office). If you are not able to join us on the 9th but are interested in this conversation, please be in touch with Pastor Stacy (stacy@ucw.org).

Receiving New Members: Sunday, December 23rd during worship

Also, we will be receiving new members on December 23rd during worship. If you are interested in joining the church please be in touch with Pastor Stacy.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Dec. 2	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Hanging of the Greens)
	11:15 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 a.m.	Advent Wreath Making
Mon., Dec. 3	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tue., Dec. 4	6:00 p.m.	Deacons
Wed., Dec. 5	12:00 p.m.	Early Release/Fun Afternoon (<i>see above</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Council Mtg.
Fri., Dec. 7	5:00 p.m.	Greens Pick-up (-7:00 p.m.)
Sat., Dec 8	8:30 a.m.	Greens Pick-up (-10:00 a.m.)
Sun., Dec. 9	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Getting to Know You (<i>see above</i>)
	11:30 a.m.	Greens Pick-up (<i>after service</i>)

For a complete listing, and details of all upcoming events, please visit our website, 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, 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!

Thank you to Jane Purser 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.

SERVICES AT THE UNION CHURCH OVER ADVENT

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS Dec. 2nd, 10:00 a.m.

MAGNIFICAT SUNDAY Dec. 9th, 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Dec. 16th, 10:00 a.m.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE Dec. 21st, 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY Dec. 23rd, 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS Dec. 24th, 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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