

ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Weekly NEWS

This Sunday, December 2nd

1st Sunday of Advent

9:30 Choir

10:00 Worship

11:00 Advent Faire & Soup Lunch

GREEN BAGS DUE

Scriptures:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36

Each week we include the Scripture passages from the week's lectionary. You can read and think about them in preparation for worship. Usually the sermon will be based on one of these texts on Sunday.

Lectionary Readings for Dec 9th:

Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79

Phil. 1:3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The children sing in worship each Sunday of Advent. We would like all the children who are participating to arrive a bit early (9:50) and sit in the front pew. Following the candle lighting, they may return to sit with their family.

RCPPC will collect toys again this year for the **KGW Great Toy Drive**, with a designated collection barrel placed in the narthex. New toys only, still in their original packaging, can be distributed to very

needy children in our community and the deadline for donations will be **Thursday, 13 December**. This is a wonderful opportunity to shop with your children or grandchildren, seeking their advice on what might be appropriate to help brighten other kids' Christmas this year. Last year, over 60,000 toys were donated, so you know the impact of your generosity will be great again this year.

December 2nd First Sunday in Advent

10:00 Worship

11:00 Advent Faire & Soup Lunch - wreath making (no reservations required)

December 9th Second Sunday in Advent

8:45 Adult Ed- Playwrite talks with us about their program with Syrian Refugees

10:00 Worship

11:00 Youth - dollars for donuts

December 16th Third Sunday in Advent

10:00 Worship

Home PDX

11:15 Youth music practice

4:30 Family and Youth Christmas Caroling

December 23rd Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:00 Worship- Christmas Pageant

11:15 Youth Christmas Party

11:45 Adult Ed with Alejandra

December 24th Christmas Eve

4:30 Family Service

9:30 Candlelight, Communion & Carols Service

TOWER YOUTH

6th-12th grades

December 2- First Sunday of Advent

Advent Festival and decorating lower Narthex tree and the tree in our tower room

December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

Dollars for Donuts; Green Bags and Toys for Tots shopping

December 16 -Third Sunday of Advent

Music practice with Alejandra for the 23rd and retirement home caroling and pizza at the Black's house (4:30-8:00 p.m.)

December 23- Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas program during service and party afterwards, with white elephant gift exchange

December 30 - no classes

Date TBD - Sometime during winter break, after Christmas, we will go to Zoo Lights

January 6 - Epiphany

Take down both trees; cocoa and cookies

January 13 knitting with Paulette

January 20 movie in the chapel

January 27 music with Alejandra

Pledge Card Deadline: December 8th

The Stewardship committee requests all church members turn in their pledge cards by December 8th. This will allow us ample time to plan the 2019 budget. A big thank you to all individuals and families who have returned pledge cards already!

Prayer cards are now available in the sanctuary pews. Cards can be returned in the collection plate or directly to the office during normal office hours. If you are interested in joining the prayer chain, please contact Andrea T. or Paulette.

Green Bags Due First Sunday of each Month

Families and individuals are invited to fill Green Bags (available in the Lower Narthex) and bring them to worship the first Sunday of each month. Most needed items are peanut butter, tuna, cooking oil, pasta, cereal, hearty soups, canned fruit and vegetables, dried beans, Masa, white and brown rice, stewed tomatoes, fruit cocktail, and canned soy and regular milk. Let's fill an abundance of Green Bags!

Women's Coffee Join us for coffee at 10:30am on Monday November 19th Place TBA for a time of fellowship. Our goal is to hang out and get to know other women in the church. If you have questions, talk with Gretchen Johnson or Paulette Mixon-Weller.

Seeking the Creative Spirit ~ Spotlight on RCPCC Artists

December

Rod Davidson - Haiku Poetry

January

Alexander Wendeheart - Folded and cut snowflakes

February

Bob Wininger - Watercolor Paintings

Worship 10:00-11:00: Sunday School for kids after the anthem during worship

Curriculum being used is PCUSA Growing in Grace and Gratitude

Nursery 0-5 in the nursery downstairs

Kindergarten - 2nd grades in the Play Room downstairs

3rd-6th grades in the Children's Library

Peter Zisa and friends SEASON OF LIGHTS concert Dec 8, 7p.m.

Seasons of Light, an annual benefit concert since 2007, returns this year with an exciting program of music that celebrates the many cultural and faith traditions of our community.

This year's Season of Lights Holiday Program will feature music from Morocco, Spain, Poland, Russia, Japan, India, Ghana (Africa) and the Americas. Among the artists performing are legendary Jazz Hall of Fame vocalist Shirley Nanette; award-winning international group Seffarine (guitar and oud, Nat Hulskamp and vocalist, Lamaie Naki); Cantor Eyal Bitton (congregation Neveh Shalom), violinists Andrew

Ehrlich, Tatiana Kolchanova, Mary Rowell; Carnatic Indian dancer Klinton Halliday (Carnatic Indian dancer), and Peter Joseph Zisa (guitar).

Session Approves Disaster Assistance Fund Match

The RCPPC Session Committee has approved a matching of funds, up to \$500, to benefit the California Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund (PDA). PDA has deployed national response teams to American Red Cross shelters to provide disaster spiritual care and to support the presbyteries in their assessment and response as they help their neighbors begin their lengthy recovery.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Prayers for all those in California rebuilding their lives after the fires, and especially for those who have lost loved ones.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Week of December 3rd- December 8th

Tues. 10 a.m. Contemplative Spirituality—Chapel

Wed. 9:30 a.m. Martha Service

Thurs. 10:00 Gentle Moves

5:30 p.m. Bell choir

7 p.m. Choir

Sat. 7 p.m. Season's of Light Concert

Next Sunday, December 9th

Second Sunday of Advent

8:45 Adult Ed. – Playwrite

9:30 Choir

10:00 Worship

11:00 Dollars for Donuts

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Dec. 11 Sarah Circle

Dec 13 KGW Toy Drive Deadline
Dec 17 Women's Coffee
Dec. 19 Reading in the Afternoon
Dec 20 Social Action
Dec. 21 Clergy Women's Lunch
Bach Cantata Choir Concert
Dec.23 Children's Program
Dec. 24 Family Service
Candlelight Service
Jan. 1 New Year's Day - Office Closed

Adult Ed.

January-February

Rev. Jim Moiso and Rev. Paulette Mixon-Weller lead a book study on difficult biblical texts.

March Rev.

David Dornack leads a book study focusing on racism. Class will utilize the book, "Waking Up White" by author, Debby Irving

Office Hours next week: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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