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If you are curious or if you have questions about becoming a member, please contact Pastor Ferdie pastorferdie@fairwoodumc.org.

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United Women in Faith

Friday, December 15, 2:00 pm



*A **new** day and time
for our Christmas gathering!
Tea, a dessert buffet, singing and
fellowship with others!*

Bring: A dessert/treat to share.

**Donations of gift cards for
Communities in Schools (Kent & Renton/Tukwila)
(Safeway, Fred Meyer, Target, Walmart)
A teacup and a story about it or a holiday tradition.**

Our local United Women in Faith group invites you to gather for Christmas tea at a new day and time. We gather on FRIDAY, December 15 at 2:00 pm. We'll share tea and a dessert buffet, sing a few carols and enjoy good fellowship.

We suggest you bring ...

- A teacup and a story about it (or a story about a holiday tradition). If you don't have a teacup, we'll have some.
- A dessert or treat to share.
- Donations of gift cards to support the Communities in Schools programs for Kent and Renton/Tukwila. They ask for cards for Safeway, Fred Meyer, Target or Walmart.

**Our church is funded by your donations.
By submitting a pledge, you help us
plan our budget for 2024.**

Pick up a pledge card in the narthex (at welcome table).



So far, we've received
60 responses and
\$259,010 pledged
to our 2024 budget.

We're 68.2% toward our
goal of \$380,000.

THANK YOU!

Questions? Contact Jennifer at jenuann@gmail.com

November is pledge drive month at Fairwood Community UMC. Letters and pledge cards were mailed the last week of October. We ask that you prayerfully consider the amount you wish to give to your church for 2024. A similar amount to 2023 will be needed to support our mission work; therefore, our goal is \$380,000.

Extra copies of the pledge cards are available in the narthex (as you enter the sanctuary).

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**PLEASE SHARE OUR
ADVENT FLYERS
WITH YOUR
NEIGHBORS,
FRIENDS & RELATIVES!**

**PICK UP WHAT YOU NEED
ON THE TABLE
IN THE NARTHEX**

We have Advent flyers to share with your neighbors, friends and relatives. Copies are on the table in the narthex (the gathering area outside the sanctuary). Some were also mailed to homes recently.

The four Sundays of Advent (Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 17 and Dec. 24), we have 10:00am worship services and programs/classes for our children and youth.

Our Christmas eve services will be at 4:00pm and 7:00pm, both livestreamed on our public Facebook page and on our online worship page of our website (www.fairwoodumc.org).



We celebrate
Holy Communion today.
If you're online and choose
to participate, have some
sort of juice and bread
ready.

If you're online with us today and wish to participate in Holy Communion, have some sort of bread and juice ready for later in the worship service. All are welcome to the table.

Blue Christmas

A Solemn & Meditative Service

Sunday December 3rd, 2023 4pm
Fairwood Community UMC

Live-Streamed on our Facebook Page



The Blue Christmas Worship Service is an addition to the Christmas Season. It centers around the longest night of the year when the days are growing shorter and light diminishes. Blue Christmas takes place during Advent, when we are preparing and waiting. We wait for HOPE. We wait for the one who brings us light.

Are you struggling with loss, anxiety, depression, loneliness,
longing, grief, pain, heartbreak, stress?

Is someone you care about feeling loss?

Are you wanting a more quiet and contemplative service?

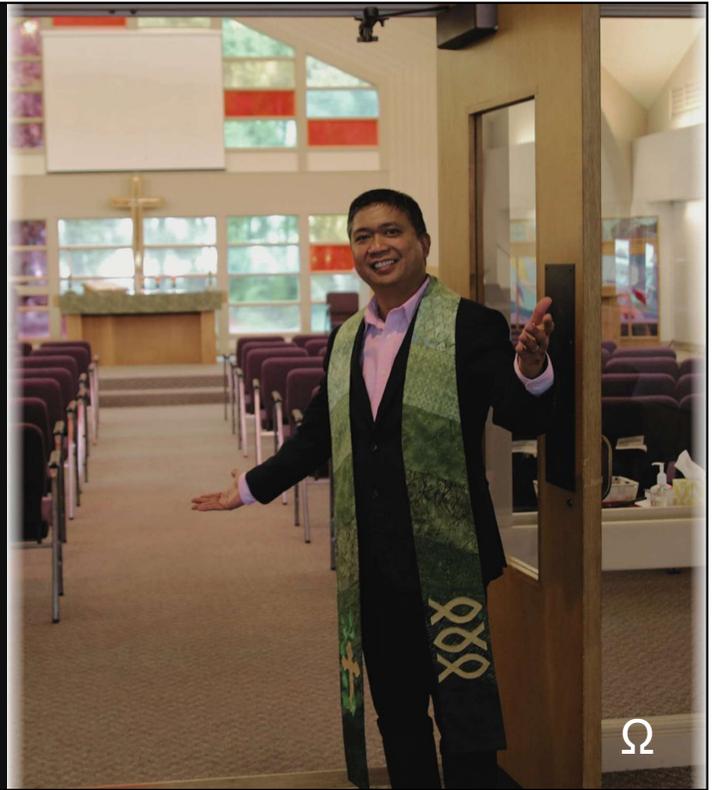
Are you feeling overwhelmed?

Is the "news" getting you "down?"

Our world may be dark, difficult, lonely and hurting but there is hope. The Blue Christmas worship service focuses on the promise of HOPE.

Join us on Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00pm for this meditative worship. The service will be livestreamed and saved along with other services in our Worship playlist of videos on our public Facebook page.

LET US QUIET
OURSELVES AND
PREPARE FOR
WORSHIP



A Reminder from the Worship Committee -

The Prelude centering music begins at 10:00 and it is time to quiet ourselves and prepare to worship God.

Thank you!