

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL OCCASION TO CELEBRATE?

SIGN UP ON THE
2024
*Flower
Calendar*
In the Narthex
(It's on the
Bulletin board.)



Celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one by providing flowers on the altar for a worship service. Sign up on the 2024 Flower Calendar in the narthex/entryway. It's on the bulletin board between the office and the nursery.

**United Women in Faith is collecting food and donations
for Vine Maple Place “meal-in-a-bag” ministry.**



Vine Maple Place works to prevent and end homelessness for
single-parent families in South King County.
We hope to assemble 80 bags at our February 8th meeting.

See the January Epistle newsletter or
the collection box and poster in the narthex.
Donations requested by Feb. 4. Questions? Becky C.

The United Women in Faith’s current mission project is to assemble “meals-in-a-bag” for Vine Maple Place’s food ministry. The vision of Vine Maple Place is to end family homelessness in South King County. They have locations in Maple Valley and Kent.

A Meal-in-a-Bag gives a mom all the necessary ingredients she needs to make a home cooked meal. Each bag has a specific recipe and the ingredients for that meal. These meals provide not only stability and a chance for a family to connect around the dinner table, but they also assist in helping a family stretch their food budget.

On January 14th, there will be a poster in the narthex with sticky notes that contain the needed food items for one bag. Take one or more sticky notes, purchase the items and bring them back by Sunday, February 4th. We also welcome financial donations. Make out checks to “Fairwood UMW” with “VMP” on the memo line. Checks can be given to our UWF treasurer (Joletta Holman) or left in the UWF mailbox in the church office.



Youth in grade 5 through high school are invited to sing in YOUTH choir. Meet in the choir room for practices on Sundays at 11:15am until about 11:50am.

We will be learning some new contemporary songs as well as singing some of our favorites. Come bring your friends and make a joyful noise! For more information or questions contact Bill or Lori McEwen at bill.mcewen@comcast.net.

Don't toss your Styrofoam in the trash!



***January 14 is the last Sunday to
bring Styrofoam for recycling.
Leave it in the collection box
in the narthex.
We'll make sure it gets recycled.***

Questions? Contact Jeff or Sharon K.

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Want to recycle Styrofoam at other times? Take it to Styro Recycle's free drop off center located at 23418 68th Ave. S. (just off West Valley Hwy) in Kent, WA. More info about what they accept and do not accept at: <https://styrorecycle.com/>

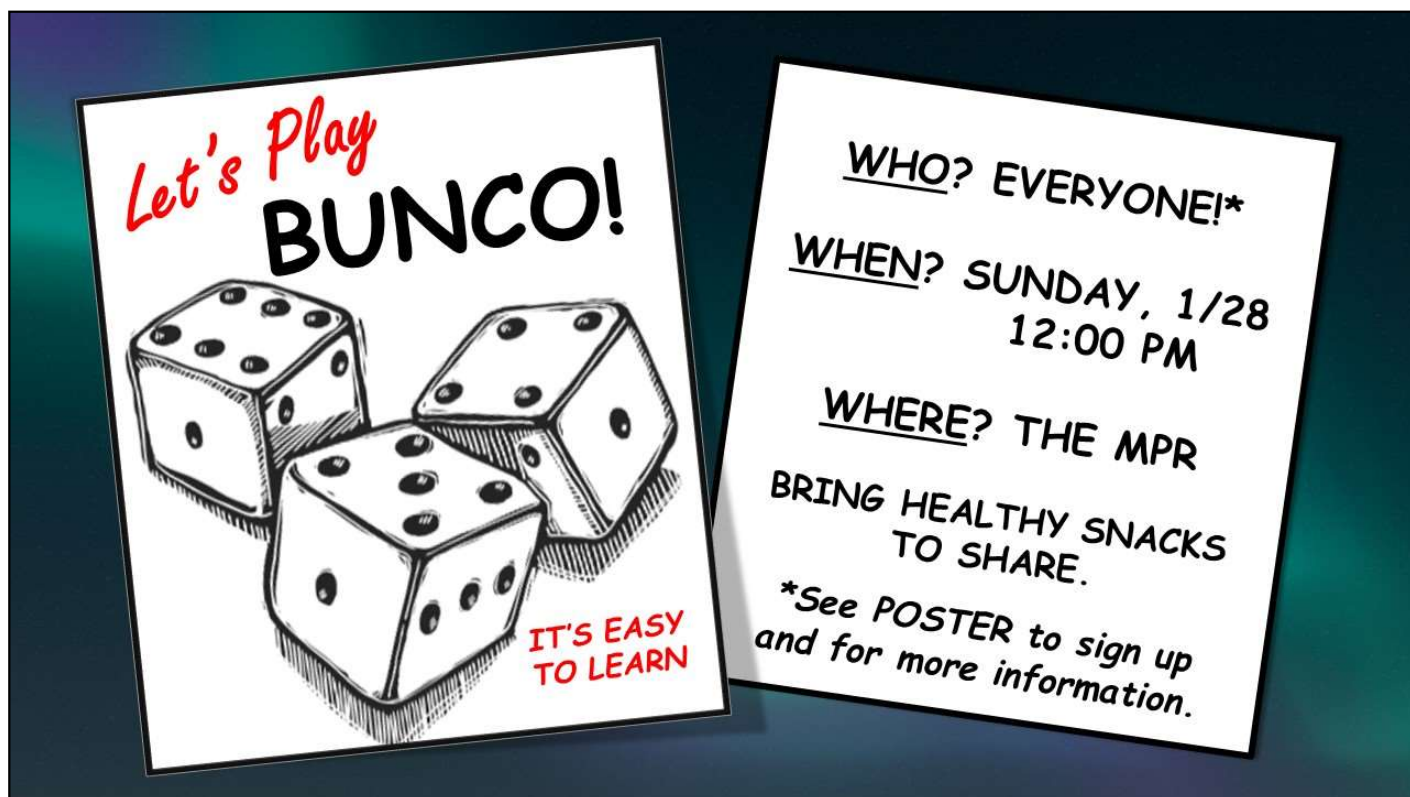


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Come play Bunco! It's super simple to learn. Join us on Sunday, January 28 after worship at 12:00pm. Bring healthy snacks to share. You can find out more information and sign up to attend – see the poster in the narthex.

Questions? Contact Jan B-H.

Join United Women in Faith this Thursday, January 18th!

We'll tour the Family First Community Center in Renton.



We meet at 9:30am in our church parking lot to carpool for the 10:00 tour. The tour should last about an hour, then we'll carpool back to church.

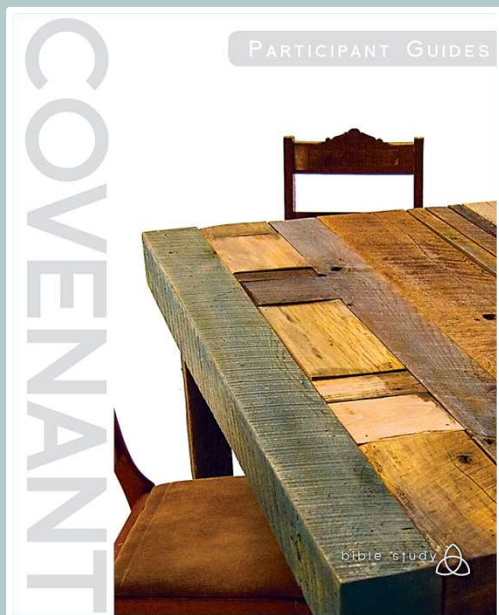
(Note: this is the third Thursday, not our usual second Thursday date)



Join United Women in Faith this Thursday, January 18th! We'll tour the Family First Community Center in Renton. Note that this is the third Thursday of January, not our usual second Thursday meeting date.

We meet at 9:30 in our church parking lot to carpool for the 10:00 tour. The tour should last about an hour, then we'll carpool back to church.

The Center is located at 16200 116th Ave SE and serves Renton families. It brings quality recreation, education, and wellness programs and services to the historically underserved communities of Benson Hill and Cascade. It was built in partnership with retired Seahawk Doug Baldwin, Jr., and the City of Renton and opened on June 15th, 2023.



A new in-depth, 24-week
Covenant Bible Study
with Pastor Ferdie
starts January 23rd,
Tuesdays at 9:30 – 11:00am

(If ordering your participant guide,
order the one-volume 2017 edition.)

Questions? Contact Ferdie at
pastorferdie@fairwoodumc.org

Pastor Ferdie is offering an in-depth 24-week study of the Bible called "Covenant Bible Study." This study emphasizes the biblical concept of covenant as a unifying theme through both the Old and New Testaments.

There is a short video presentation for each session. In addition to the book chapter reading, there are daily readings from the Bible. A sample book will be available in the narthex to look at.

We will take a break during Lent so we can all do a Lenten study. We will resume in April after Easter. Then we'll take a break again during summer months (July and August), then resume in September.

You can order your participant study guide on Amazon or other sites. If ordering, try to order the 2017 edition that is one volume.

Let Pastor Ferdie know if you'd like to participate so that you get all the communication from him about the study.

Gifts received for the Human Relations Day offering build Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of "the beloved community."

You may donate

- online at <https://fairwoodumc.org/give/>,
- send checks with *Human Relations Day* noted on memo line,
- or use envelope in bulletin.



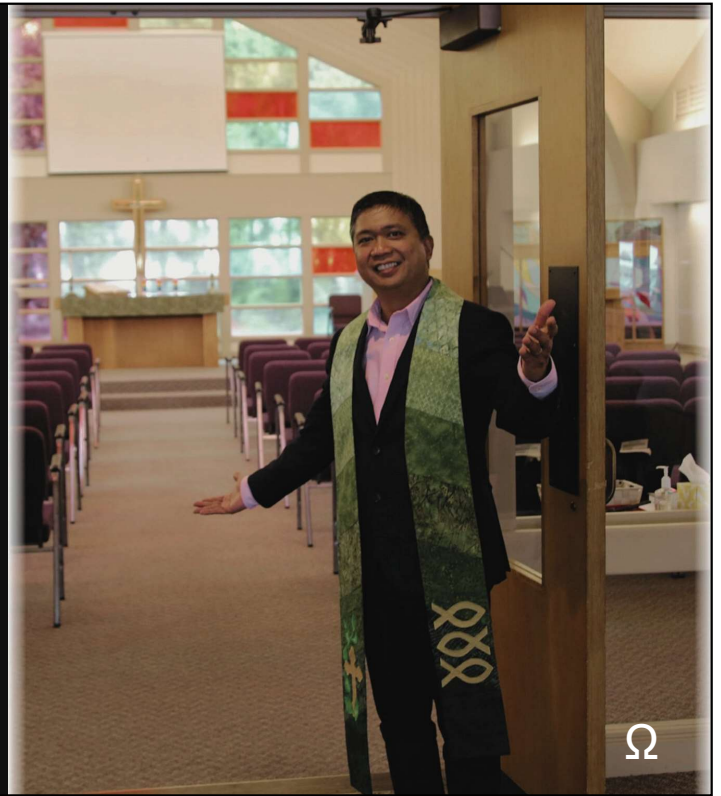
WHAT IS HUMAN RELATIONS DAY?

Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday set aside to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. A special offering is being taken on Sunday, January 14, the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Gifts received for the offering build King's vision of "the beloved community" through programs such as Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

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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!