

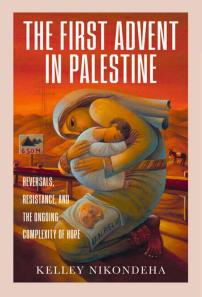
It's almost that time of year! The first Sunday of Advent is November 30th. So we'll be decorating the sanctuary and entryway/narthex for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season on Saturday, November 29th, starting at 9:30am. All are welcome!

Come hang Chrismons ("Christ monogram" ornaments) on our beautiful sanctuary tree, set up the Advent wreath, set up the Giving Tree in the narthex or help put up garland and other seasonal decorations.

Help will also be needed for FRIDAY, January 9th, also at 9:30am, to take things down and put them away.

Questions? Contact Roxanne A. or Donna S.

Join our Advent Book Study



2 CLASSES

Tuesday mornings, 9:30 – 11:00 am

November 18 – December 16

In-person at parlor or online Zoom

Sunday mornings, 11:30 – 12:30 am November 30 – December 28 In-person at the Sanctuary

Questions? Contact Pastor Cathy

You are invited to join a **5-week Advent journey** toward Hope, Justice, and Incarnation. We will be reading *The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope* written by Kelley Nikondeha. Books are available at church (\$14 if you'd like to reimburse the church, note Advent Study.)

Pastor Cathy is offering two classes. Let her know if you're interested in joining us. Tuesday mornings, 9:30 – 11:00am in-person at the parlor or online via Zoom November 18 – December 16

Sunday after worship, 11:30 – 12:30, in-person in the sanctuary November 30 – December 28

Week 1: Chapter 1: Science and Suffering & Chapter 2: God's Peace Campaign

Week 2: Chapter 3: Formed by Galilee & Chapter 4: Mothers of Advent

Week 3: Chapter 5: A Hospitable birth in a hard economy & Chapter 6: Visible & Invisible

Week 4: Chapter 7: Generations & Chapter 8: Unexpected Hope

Week 5: Chapter 9: Even after God Arrived & Chapter 10: Homeland, but not a Home



All-Church Conference Sunday, November 23

11:30am - after worship

What will we do?

- Elect our 2026 church leaders
- Approve our pastors' salaries and do other business
 - Review and evaluate the ministries of FCUMC
 - And more...

Sunday, November 23 is the date for our annual All-Church Conference. This is our annual business meeting and our entire church family is invited. The presiding elder will be Rev. Leslie Ann Knight instead of one of our district superintendents. Pastor Ferdie and Pastor Cathy will be with us, though. The conference starts after worship, about 11:30am. While only members of Fairwood Community UMC may vote on official business, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

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Questions? Contact Cathy Russell, our Church Council chairperson, or one of our pastors.

YOUTH CHOIR

Practice every Sunday morning



11:15 - 11:50 in Choir Room

Grades 5th - 12th are invited to join us!

They will be singing on November 23rd worship service.

The Youth Choir will be practicing this morning after church (11:15-11:50) in the choir room as we work on a song to sing with the adult choir on Nov. 23^{rd} , and also work on songs for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. All $5^{th}-12^{th}$ grade youth are invited to join us.



We're collecting donations of Gifts of Warmth for REACH Renton to distribute to our neighbors! Suggested donations include: hats, coats, gloves, socks, scarves, rain ponchos, hand warmers and foot warmers. What would help you stay warm this winter?

Place donations in the REACH Renton containers in the narthex and outside at the front doors by Sunday, November 23rd.

Questions? Contact Donna Stock.



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TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Join us as we remember those taken too soon.

When: 7 pm - Thursday November 20th

Where: United Christian Church of Renton 15509 116th Ave SE Renton, WA 98058

We'll gather with United Christian Church of Renton for the Transgender Day of Remembrance service on November 20th at 7:00 pm.

Address: 15509 116th Ave SE Renton, WA 98058

We come together to remember and honor the memory of transgender individuals whose lives were lost due to anti-transgender violence.



Join our Thanksgiving Sharing Renton Salvation Army Food Bank

Donations needed TODAY, Nov 16

Food donation ideas: Broth, dressings, fresh/canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, potatoes, apples, pumpkin pie filling (w/spices), pie crust, **no** turkeys

Monetary donations accepted by:

Cash or check label as Renton Salvation Army- Thanksgiving, checks payable to FCUMC

Online at our church website "Give" page, select Salvation Army

Join our Thanksgiving Sharing drive for Renton Salvation Army Food Bank! Bring donations TODAY, Nov 16.

Captain James from the Salvation Army Food Bank says that this year, instead of having 200 chosen Thanksgiving Families, they are going to open it up to all SA clients. There will be a Thanksgiving wall of traditional Thanksgiving food and turkeys for all from Nov 10-20. You can help with this by making food donations or \$\$\$ donations for S.A. to buy turkeys.

Please make monetary donations to Salvation Army by:

Cash - please put in envelope labeled "Renton Salvation Army- Thanksgiving".

Check - please make out to FCUMC, and in memo: "Renton Salvation Army-Thanksgiving".

Online – at our church website "Give" page, select Salvation Army

Food Donation Ideas are: Broth, dressing, vegetables (fresh or canned), cranberry sauce, and potatoes are most needed.

Pumpkin pie filling (with spices only), apples, pie crusts are welcome. No turkeys needed.



Quilt Sale

When: TODAY! Sunday, November 16

Where: Sanctuary Time: 11:30 am