

Readers' Note:

The Tidings newsletter will not be published at the turn of the month when The Bell comes out. But to make sure you're up to date, The Bell will carry any urgent news of vital interest to the HUCC family.

Please scroll down to the bottom for this week's mini-Tidings. Tidings will be published in its usual slot on all other Fridays.



The Bell

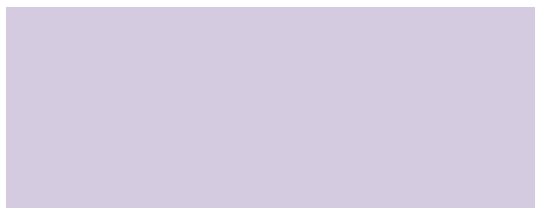
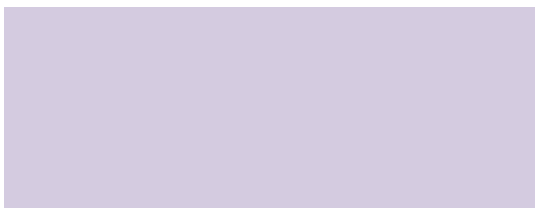
A Monthly Calendar of Faith Formation at HUCC

January 2020



What do I do when the bell of truth rings?
Do I face and embrace it?
Or turn to other things?

Scroll down for a calendar of upcoming events for kids of all ages.





Let's Talk....Kids

"Sacred Time"

Happy New Year! In a few days we will be in a whole new decade - the Soaring 20s! We have this one decade to turn climate change around and build a healthy future. Kids, you are a part of that! As we approach 2020, I (Pastor Chelsea) am incredibly happy and grateful to be your pastor, building sacred community with you at this special time. After Christmas, a new season of the church year will start - Epiphany! This is a time when we look around to "see" and "find" the sacredness of Jesus in all things, in all parts of our life. One way I see new light shining in our lives at HUCC is that Pastor Marijke has come to soothe our hurts and emptiness, after we lost some of our beloved leaders in the fall.

This Sunday, December 29, there will be a congregational meeting and vote to call Rev. Marijke Rossi as our bridge pastor. Please come! Thanks!



Nice Crib, Baby Jesus!

Wherein Baby Jesus says "Whatever you gave to those in need this year, you gave to me."



Let's Talk...Adults

"Survey Time"

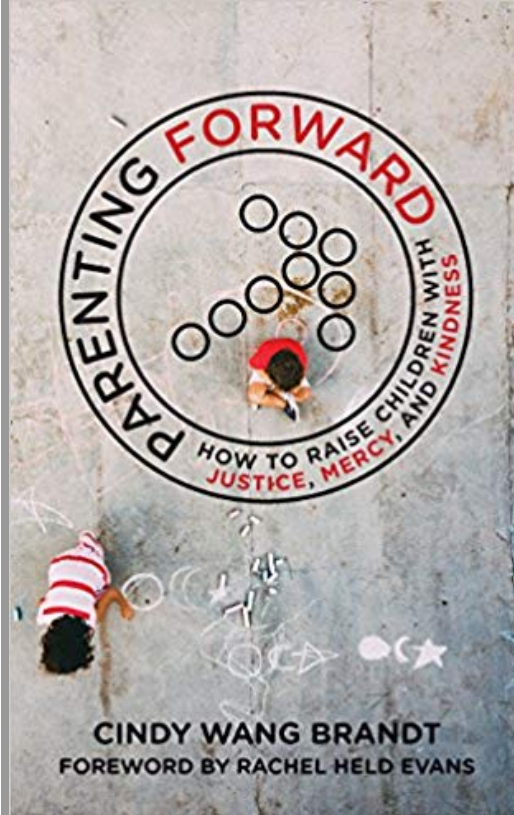
Our Whole Lives is comprehensive, developmentally appropriate, and science-based sexuality education for youth in churches. HUCC has offered OWL classes to its young members for many years! Now, with the publication of a brand new "older adult" OWL curriculum, we are wondering if adults in our congregation would be interested in taking a few OWL workshops! The adult faith formation team is especially interested in offering some education to our members about gender fluidity and nonbinary gender, as we support the full inclusion of transgender people in society and our church.

PLEASE take a minute to fill out this survey to help the Faith Formation Team plan our OWL program for the coming year!

This survey is not just about youth, but is for people of all ages! Thank you!

Come Learn about Refugees this Sunday!

Did you know that Baby Jesus and his family were refugees? This Sunday we are celebrating "Compassionate Joy" by remembering that after Jesus was born on Christmas, his government pursued him and tried to kill him. His parents fled and took him to Egypt where he could be safe. When they returned, they found that the town where he was born had been the site of a terrible massacre of children, and was still not safe for him to live in. So they had to resettle in the town of Nazareth, which welcomed them and offered them sanctuary. Sound familiar? Many members of our community in Utah are refugees from all over the world, including longtime undocumented residents and new arrivals from Central America. Our Sunday School teacher Ms. Becky is going to share her own experience with helping offer "sanctuary" to a family right here in Salt Lake facing similar circumstances to the Baby Jesus.



Book Recommendation:

In *Parenting Forward*, Cindy Wang Brandt equips Christian parents to model a way of following Jesus that has an outward focus: loving others, avoiding judgment, and helping those in need. She shows ways for parents to work on dismantling their own racial, cultural, gender, economic, and religious biases in order to avoid passing them on to their children. Check out [her podcast](#) for specific justice practices!

Article Recommendation:

Rev. Amelia Richardson-Dress, Associate Pastor of UCC Longmont in Colorado, on her fabulous blog "Barefoot Family," offers [this great kit](#) on talking about stewardship, pledges, and money with your kids!



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Every Sunday:

- Sunday School for grades K-8 (during worship, after children's chat)
- Childcare during worship and after-church programs (in the nursery)

DECEMBER

Sunday December 29 - Refugee Sunday. All-ages worship. No Sunday School.

Sunday December 29 (same day) - Congregational Meeting after worship. Child care will be provided.

Happy New Year!

JANUARY

Thursday January 2, 6 pm - High School youth group meeting with HUCC Green Team representatives.

Sunday January 12, 11:15 am - Orientation to Confirmation Journey for all participating students and parents. In the downstairs youth room.

Thursday January 16 and Friday January 17 - Operation Sandwich.

Saturday January 18, 3 pm - Sound of Music Sing-a-long!

Saturday January 25, 4:30 pm - "Where Do You Stand?" Confirmation Class for students and mentors.

Sunday January 26, 11:30 am - New Young Adult (ages 17-22) Group at HUCC - coffee outing after worship.

Tuesday January 28, 1 pm - Transitional Faith Formation Team meeting.

FEBRUARY

Sunday February 9, 11:15 am - Confirmation.

Saturday February 15 - Middle School youth group.

Sunday February 16 - "Undie Sunday" intergenerational worship, luncheon, and service project for Valentine's Day and the Women's Resource Center.

Saturday February 22, 4:30 pm - Confirmation.

Wednesday February 26 - Ash Wednesday service; Lent begins.

Saturday February 29 - Annual Preschool Fundraiser dinner-

dance.

Saturday February 29 - Deadline for Early Bird registration for the UCC National Youth Event. Save \$75!

LOOKING AHEAD

March 13-15 – Spring retreat at La Foret for grades 6-12.

Sunday April 19 - Youth Worship for Earth Day.

Sunday May 17 – Confirmation Sunday.

July 5-11 – Summer Camp for Grades K-8 at La Foret in Colorado.

July 12-18 - MADD Camp (Music, Art, Drama, Dance) for Grades 9-12 at La Foret in Colorado.

July 20-27 – UCC National Youth Event for grades 8-12 (travel with the Rocky Mountain Conference from Denver to Indiana).

August 1-6 - "Camp Fellowship" middle school summer camp at Pinecliff Methodist Camp, organized by First Congregational Church.

October 30-November 1 - Fall retreat at La Foret for grades 6-12.

The Clapper



"Applauding Our Kids"

Did anyone hear the Wesley Bell Ringers at HUCC this holiday season? Yowza! The youth rehearse twice a week to make these beautiful sounds, but more importantly, "to create lasting friendships built on fun times ahead and difficult times overcome"! Isn't that what we all should be doing? Thank you, youth, for setting a harmonious example!

More Ministry Info:

<http://www.holladayucc.org/childrens-ministries/>

<http://www.holladayucc.org/youth-ministries/>

<http://www.holladayucc.org/adult-ministries/>

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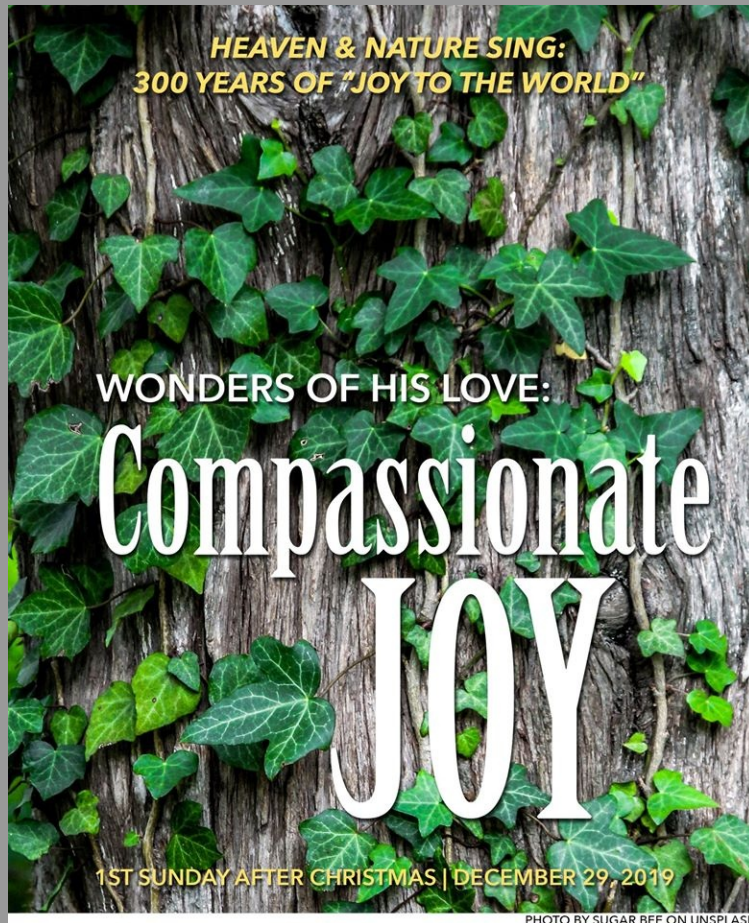


December 27, 2019

Tidings

A journal of life, faith and service at
Holladay United Church of Christ

<http://www.holladayucc.org>



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
we welcome you here.



Please join us for worship at 10 am.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This Sunday, December 29

A Congregational Meeting will be convened on December 29 to vote on calling the Rev. Marijke B. Rossi as bridge pastor at Holladay UCC.

The meeting will be held immediately after morning worship. Child care will be provided in the nursery.

The call was recommended by the Bridge Pastor Search Committee (Carl Adams, Dennis Bayes, Dawn Mangelsen, Laurie McBride, Leslie Jerominski, Rori Piggott and Rick Spratling) after a search process authorized by members at an October 20 Congregational Meeting. The bridge pastor will not be eligible to be a candidate for settled pastor.

Pastor Marijke has been serving as supply pastor since November 4, performing senior minister duties in the vacancy created by departure of Pastor Fred Evenson.

A supply pastor is a clergy member who is not formally installed and serves for a limited time as a congregation's acting pastor. A bridge pastor customarily serves a longer tenure, stepping in to help a congregation "bridge" the path to filling a pastoral vacancy.

Please come and vote!

More Paul, please!

The appealing vs. appalling Apostle is turning out to be pretty appealing....

Adult Forum is returning in January! If you haven't had a chance to check out John Dominic Crossan's video series on the Apostle Paul, you will still have a chance in the new year! Grab a cup of coffee and join Teri in the chapel for an interesting and enlightening series.

January 5 - The Future of Roman Christianity

January 12 - Vision & Vocation in Damascus

January 19 - The Long-Distance Apostle

January 26 - The God-Worshippers

Dr. Crossan is a major scholar in contemporary historical Jesus research. His latest book is *How to Read the Bible and Still Be a Christian: Struggling with Divine Violence from Genesis Through Revelation* (2015).

New Year's Resolutions at HUCC

Don't forget to turn in your stewardship pledge! Our annual meeting to approve the congregational budget will be on Sunday February 9.

Every Sunday at 12 noon - Bible Study with Pastor Marijke on the book of Romans. Meet in the choir room after Adult Forum.

Weekly Meditation gatherings will resume on Monday evenings in late January - please check the church calendar for updates. Meet at 6:50 p.m. in the chapel and plan to end promptly at 8 p.m.

January 8, 7 pm - New members class for those considering joining our HUCC family or committing to becoming members. New Member Sunday TBA at a later date.

January 9, 12 noon - Learn more about racial justice with a very special Martin Luther King Day guest speaker at Top of the Hill senior potluck luncheon.

January 12 - Inaugural meeting, Spirituality and Food choice group, 5 p.m. Contact Jani Gamble, Jen Smith or Amy Spratling for details.