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The Bell

Monthly News from HUCC Faith Formation Team

December 2020



**Winter Catalogue:
December-January is the Season of Rebirth**

Signups are due November 29th

Did you know Advent is the start of the new year in the church? Faith Formation's Winter Unit covers our church's "season of rebirth" (Christmas through New Year's and Jesus's baptism in January) and features four consecutive series for each age group, running from Advent to Valentine's Day. **All classes will take place either online or in-person in a COVID-safe manner.**

Sign up for as many series as you can mark on your calendar! Sunday School meets some Sunday mornings at 11:30, and Youth Group meets some Saturday afternoons at 5:30; see below for the meeting dates.

The Walking Pageant will be a fun outdoor gathering in the HUCC parking lot on Sunday, December 20 after worship. Congregation members will be invited to park their cars and hear children's Christmas performances through their open windows. We need 10-12 performers to sign up on Signup Genius. More details are below!

The 9-Day Winter Break Spiritual Retreat for Resilient Kids will be led by Pastor Chelsea using a forthcoming book from UCC Rev. Amelia Richardson Dress. Each day of this virtual retreat will feature a short morning video from Rev. Amelia teaching a spiritual practice proven by research to help children with anxiety, and a short evening Zoom check-in with Pastor Chelsea to reflect on trying the practice at home.

January classes will focus on **Loving Ourselves as God Loves Us**, with a Bible story about feeling worthy of love for the kids, and a Self-Compassion workbook for the youth. We will end before Lent with service and celebration on Valentine's Day, as we prepare to "love our neighbor AS OUR SELF."

Sunday School: Grades Nursery-2nd with Parents

Walking Pageant: Sundays Dec 13 (Zoom) & Dec 20 (Outdoors)
9-Day Winter Break Spiritual Retreat for Resilient Kids: Dec 26-
Jan 3 (Zoom)
Worthy of Love: Sundays Jan 3, 17 & 31 (Zoom)
Free Child Care Sunday Feb 14 (Outdoors)

Sunday School: Grades 3rd-6th with Parents

Walking Pageant: Sundays Dec 6 (Zoom) & Dec 20 (Outdoors)
9-Day Winter Break Spiritual Retreat for Resilient Kids: Dec 26-
Jan 3 (Zoom)
Worthy of Love: Sundays Jan 10, Jan 24 & Feb 7 (Mac Hall)
Service Project Package Sunday Feb 14 (Mail)

Youth Group: Grades 6th-12th

Walking Pageant: Saturday Dec 5 (Zoom), Saturday Dec 12
(Zoom), Sunday Dec 20 (Outdoors)
9-Day Winter Break Spiritual Retreat for Resilient Kids: Dec 26-
Jan 3 (Zoom)
Self-Compassion Workbook: Saturdays Jan 16 (Mac Hall), Jan 23
(Zoom), Jan 30 (Mac Hall) & Feb 6 (Zoom)
Valentine's Day Service Project: Saturday Feb 13 (Mac Hall)

The Signup Genius link for all activities is posted [here](#). Signups are due the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Church Remembers Extraordinary Friend

The Amanda Kay Minter La Foret Scholarship Fund now stands at \$3,910!

Amanda, a beloved presence at Holladay UCC as well as La Foret, died unexpectedly on May 12. Amanda gave dedicated service to La Foret as a camper, counselor and director.

La Foret is a conference and retreat center in Colorado operated in collaboration with the Rocky Mountain Conference UCC. It provides a variety of opportunities for campers of all ages.

If you'd like to honor Amanda's memory with a donation, make checks payable to Holladay UCC and send to 2631 Murray Holladay Blvd., SLC UT 84117, marked ATTN: Paul Jewell with "Amanda Minter La Foret scholarship fund" in the memo line.

Thank you to all who have donated to this wonderful cause in support of our children and youth!

Team Plans Outdoor Christmas Pageant

by Trent Parkhill

You may have noticed that we are planning for an outdoor walking Christmas pageant. This is a bold (perhaps a little crazy) and very needed event; a chance to grab a hold of some "normalcy" and celebrate the season. We believe we have choreographed a way to do this in a very safe way:

- The audience will be in small clusters of cars
- The cast will be families who will each perform a couple of lines (memorization is not required)
- Each family will walk from stop to stop, repeating their part for a different group of cars
- We have small sound systems that hook on a belt so that people will be able to hear through the masks

This is a great way to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the joy of the season, and see everyone (socially distanced and outside)! The signup link for performers is above.



Fall Planting

Our beloved climbing tree that came down in the spring, has been replaced by a lovely baby tree in our courtyard. This tree will grow up to look just like the one across from it. Over the winter, the tree will get plenty of rain and snow, but will need care from our youth group members next summer once the pandemic is over and we can safely gather to water and fertilize our new tree.



Winter Beauty

On Sundays in Advent, we will see pictures of our beloved Ann Williams' famous creche collection, generously shared by her husband John Vickrey. As we marvel at the beauty of Nativity scenes from around the world, we will also get to read special stories from John in future Tidings, about how these artworks came to grace their home and our worship during Christmas.



Applauding Our Kids

This Thanksgiving was a milestone for our kids who completed their first term of fall learning under strange new circumstances. Amid tons of online learning for school, our attendance at online Sunday School and youth group has been so good! Thanks to parents too, for all the help with signing on!

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Tidings (briefly)

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