



The Holidays Are Here!

First Unitarian Portland – Services and Activities

December 2019

Sunday, December 8, 2019

9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Music and Worship Service

“A Ceremony of Carols”

Our Chancel Treble Choir (formerly The Women’s Choir), directed by John Boelling, will be leading this year’s Winter Music and Worship service featuring Benjamin Britten’s beloved A Ceremony of Carols. These beautiful and stirring medieval carols will be accompanied by renowned Portland harpist, Denise Fujikawa, and will be interwoven with poetry and readings that reflect upon the richness of the holiday season. We hope you will join us!

Sunday, December 15, 2019

9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Service

“The Master’s Tools” - Rev. Bill Sinkford, Minister

How does a faith that proclaims all are worthy relate to a world of winners and losers? Charity? Resistance? Denial? Solidarity? What religious questions can empower our engagement as assumptions are called into question and we all search for hope?

Friday, December 20, 2019

7:00 pm - Solstice Service

Winter Solstice is a time of darkness moving toward light. What can we learn from this time of rest, renewal, and looking forward? As we gather on the longest night of the year, let us honor both the light and the darkness of this season of our lives. Please join us for this special annual service.

Sunday, December 22, 2019

One service only at 11:15 a.m.

Christmas Pageant

All are warmly welcomed at this wonderful and joyous service put on by the children of our congregation. Originally presented in 1924 in honor of the first Christmas in our then-new church on the corner of SW 12th Ave. and Salmon, this pageant in its various iterations has been an annual tradition here at First Unitarian.

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Christmas Eve – “Holy Night”

4:00 p.m. Family Service

8:00 and 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Services

‘Each night a child is born is a holy night.’ On this night when we light candles against the dark, we come together to affirm that each child born can be a redeemer and that all of us can be redeemed.

Sunday, December 29, 2019

One service only: 11:15 a.m.

LGBTQIA + Pride Holiday Potluck Party – Dec. 7

6 p.m., Buchan Reception Hall

You are invited to our white elephant holiday finger food potluck party!

No alcohol or drugs. For more information or to volunteer, [send us an email](#).

Alliance Greens Sale – Dec. 8 and 15

After each service in Margaret Fuller Hall and the Buchan Atrium.

Purchase holiday wreaths, donated treasures, items from the boutique table made by church members, and delicious goodies from Alliance member kitchens. Join in the fun that raises money to be quickly given away to social service agencies and for special projects here at First U.

Holiday Giving Trees – through Dec. 15

Sanctuary Narthex (Lobby) & Buchan Atrium

The Learning Community and our Social Justice Program invite everyone to bring a gift to adorn our Giving Trees:

- New mittens, socks, scarves and hats for local organizations that focus on children and families.
- Dog coats, leashes, collars, jackets, etc. that will go towards the [Paw Team](#).
- Gift cards up to \$30 for those living with mental illness for [Central City Concern](#). Pick up a tag that has a specific request at the Sanctuary Narthex Giving Tree. Bring the gifts back no later than Dec. 15 with the tag attached. Questions? Call Rosebud ... 503-645-8227.

NOTE: Central City Concern gifts go to the tree in the Sanctuary Lobby. All other giving tree gifts can go to either tree.

Social Justice Sunday Holiday Gathering – Dec. 15

12:30-1:00 p.m. - Tamale Plates by Dora for sale in Buchan Reception Hall.

1:00-2:30 p.m. - Gather in the Buchan Reception Hall as we sing holiday songs, sort our gifts from the Giving Trees, and learn about the organizations with whom we share our gifts. This is family-friendly and open for all ages!

Vegan Holiday Potluck – Dec. 29

1:00 p.m. Animal Ministry hosts the annual Vegan Holiday Potluck, in Buchan Reception Hall. Please bring a vegan dish to share! All are welcome.

SNOW? ICE? FREEZING RAIN? In the event of inclement weather, but sure to check the church website, Facebook page, or call the church office at 503-228-6389 and listen to the recorded announcement for details about cancellations or delays of services, events, classes, or rehearsals. And remember: your good judgment is your best guide!