

Learning Community e-News



Sunday, January 14, 2024

Dear Ones,

In the spirit of this month's generosity theme, I have a special invitation for any individual or family who might benefit from exploring a new practice of giving. Please consider joining our Exclusive Snack Sharing Ministry. Applying is extremely complex and requires extensive dedication. To be among the lucky few allowed to take advantage of this elite opportunity, you must do one or more of the following things:

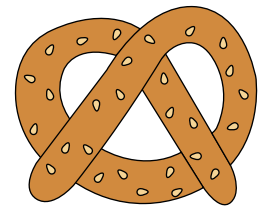
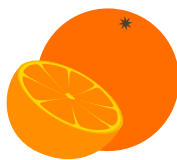
1. Sign up to bring snacks [here](#)
2. Check in directly with RE teachers about when and what to bring to class
3. Drop nonperishable items off at RE info desk to replenish backup stash
4. Invite your young people to help plan/prepare snack offerings
5. Do it again another time!
6. Thank people who bring snacks you get to enjoy

Joking aside, we're low on good eats these days. We'd love to accept your generosity on the snack front this winter at church. Thanks for considering!

Extra thanks to the many people who kindly supply snacks. We are grateful for the ways you nourish and nurture our time together.

Blessings,

Leah



Keep scrolling for info about
Sunday's RE classes,
this Sunday's MLK service project,
upcoming child dedications and baby blessings,
and more!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 RE
Preschool through high school aged people
are invited to our MLK Day Service Project
10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon, Buchan Reception

Nursery/Toddlers (A103): A loving, playful, and supportive space during worship for our little ones 6 months to 3 years old. You may pick up anytime! (Milena, Rhionne, & Kay)

In the case of inclement weather this or any Sunday, please use your best judgment about your own safety.

If in-person services are canceled or otherwise impacted and you subscribe to the Learning Community or Front Steps e-newsletters, you'll get an email informing you as soon as possible.

You may also check the church website or call the office.

We do NOT send special communication to confirm that services and events are happening as regularly scheduled.

Happy winter and stay safe out there!

MLK SERVICE ACTIVITY: HELP LAUNCH 13 SALMON SHOWER PROJECT

Jan. 14th, 10:30am-12pm

Buchan Reception

Parents welcome,
but not required to stay



DONATE

Bring unused art and other supplies;
donation wish list below

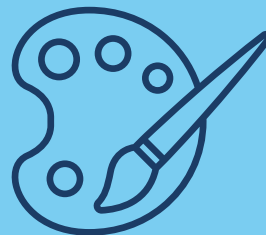


LEARN

Get a facilities tour;
hear why
our unhoused neighbors
need a safe, kind space
to shower and rest

CREATE

Decorate envelopes; volunteers will
use them to pass out laundromat
gift cards and other resources



RITUAL

Families pick up kids at noon;
everyone joins Rev. Alison
to bless the space and gift a chalice

BRING DONATION ITEMS TO CHURCH ON 1/14

DRAWING SUPPLIES



- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Chalk pastels
- Pencils

PAPER



- All purpose drawing paper (white and colored)
- Painting paper (white)



PAINT SUPPLIES

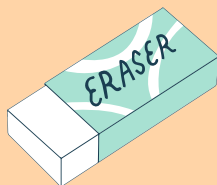
- Acrylic paint sets
- Plastic paint trays and palettes
- Watercolor paint sets

CONTAINERS

- Desktop hanging file folders
- Craft storage caddies with handle
- Storage containers with lids



OTHER SUPPLIES



- Pencil sharpeners
- Erasers

*For questions about supplies,
contact Dana at dbuhl@firstunitarianportland.org*

Special invitation from our UU Church of Vancouver friends:



Tales & Treats around the Campfire



6-9 pm, January 20th, 4505 E 18th St, Vancouver, WA
S'mores, hot drinks, and stories for all ages!

Contact UUCV RE Director Elise Massicotte with questions



First Church Portland families warmly invited!



Baby Blessing or Child Dedication

This ritual during worship recognizes and celebrates young ones who have come into the world, their family, and this community's embrace. It can be a meaningful event for babies and children whose families are church members or committed friends.

Interested? Contact Leah

Good Links to Know



Please sign up to bring snacks a few times this year
Get the Front Steps, the all church weekly newsletter
Watch the worship service live or during the week



Monthly spiritual theme:

GENEROSITY



Keep in touch!

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