

Learning Community e-News



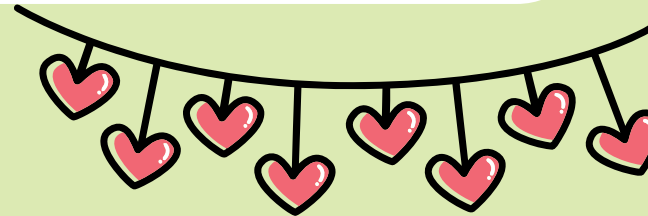
Sunday, February 11, 2024

Dear Ones,

Happy Valentines Day to you and yours.

Read on for all the news--and let me know if you need help getting connected around here. We have lots of opportunities for people of all ages to get plugged in. I bet we can find the right one for you!

Love,
Leah



Calling all K-1 Families



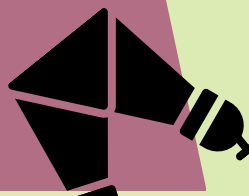
Our OWL unit starts March 3rd during the RE hour!

Please read [here](#) for details and then make it a priority to attend the family meeting at 9 am on February 25th. Parents/guardians must give permission for children to participate.

February 18th New Moon Family Game Day

After Together Time in the sanctuary, children of all ages and their families head up to room B202/203 for fun, easy, community-building group games with friends from non profit children's theater company New Moon

Parents (especially of young kids) invited but not required to stay!



Parent Community Circles

There's still time to join a new community circle on the second Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.

Sign up for more details.

Are you pregnant? Want to impress some kids?

The K-1 class is seeking a pregnant person to visit their RE class on March 17th. To volunteer (or learn more about the expectations, which include answering questions with the leadership of the RE teachers, sharing a bit about your story, and offering kids the chance to give gentle belly pats), contact Evie.



♥ *Happy Valentines* ♥

Love Your Mother: An Earth Fair for All Ages

Save the Date: After church on April 28th

Our Earth Fair Team invites families to learn, share, teach, and participate in From Farm to Food to All Living Things Fair. Understanding and exploring where our food comes from is a powerful practice that helps us enjoy and conserve places, plants, and animals.

Children/youth whose families fill out this form can visit a forest, interview a farmer, cook, contribute art, and lead in other ways. For questions or to get involved, contact Victoria.



February 11th RE 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

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

Preschool (A106): Love, love, love. (Sylvia & Jody)



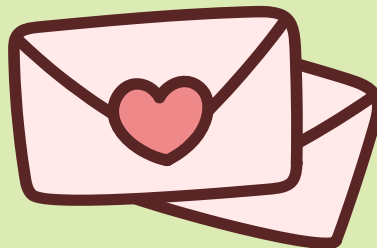
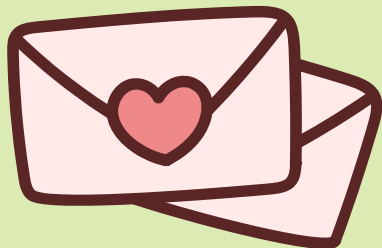
K-1st Grade (A200): Big box painting; dress accordingly! (Anna & Kris)

2nd-3rd-4th Grade (B202 & B203): We are loved, flaws and all. (Robert & Robin, Susan & Joachim)

5th-6th Grade (B201): When Day encounters Night, they're scared and suspicious. As they realize that each has unique qualities with different perspectives, they develop friendship and respect. (Christa & Mr. Lee)

7th-8th Grade OWL (B302 & B303): Redefining Abstinence: Explore the concept of abstinence, or refraining from sexual intercourse (oral, anal, or vaginal), as well as skin-to-skin genital contact. This definition of abstinence excludes higher risk behaviors but allows for healthy and safe non-intercourse sexual behaviors, like masturbation and outercourse. (Sierra & Summer, Vivien & Christopher)

YRUU (A108): Earth justice--what is important for us to know, learn, and teach? Special visitors will invite participation in the upcoming church Farth Fair. (Faith, Victoria, & Andrew)



Our neighbors at Shoreline UU in Seattle
are hosting a Youth Con for high school aged youth.
Find out more [here](#).



DOLL HOUSE NEEDED

Our preschool room is in need of a dollhouse upgrade and would appreciate a donation of a new or gently loved one large enough for a classroom community. Please contact Leah if you might have one to gift.

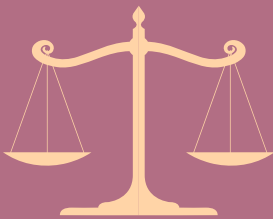
Good Links to Know

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:
JUSTICE



Keep in touch!

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