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“A Church with a Heart for People”

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Celebrate Christmas

Children’s Program

The children’s Christmas program will combine scripture readings and songs that tell the story and celebrate Christ’s birth. It will be performed during service on Sunday, December 17.

Caroling

Everyone is invited to join in the Christmas tradition of Caroling on Sunday, December 17. Carolers will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4 PM. Groups will divide up and visit church friends with the warmth of Christmas music. We will meet back at Dick and Rhonda Aspen’s about 6 PM for fresh homemade donuts. All ages are welcome. Bring your favorite jingle bells!

Stocking Stuffing

We are still collecting items for the Holiday Stockings for Homeless Children until December 3rd. Please donate NEW, unwrapped items and place them in the boxes located throughout the church. If you are interested in sorting items on Friday, December, 8th from 3-6PM or stuffing stockings on Saturday, December 9th from 10AM-12PM at the Coast Guard Station please contact the church. We are also looking for Shelter Captains to deliver stockings to shelters.



Come celebrate Christ’s birth with the children during their performance on December 17.

Rudolph Run

Running in Motion is sponsoring the Second Annual Rudolph Run/Walk on Saturday, December 16 at 8:00 AM. This event is a fun, holiday event for our community. You can bring a stroller, a pet, or your favorite Christmas hat. Faith Community Church is planning to enter a team. The entry fee for a team member is \$20. Proceeds from the race will benefit local Food Banks. Please contact Jim Spangler if you would like to run with our team 206-546-2670.

Vision House

Our Christmas Eve offering will go to Vision House North. Vision House is a Christian agency providing transitional housing for the homeless. Their goal is to successfully transition residents into permanent housing through a caring, supportive environment, drug-free living, job training, education, and life skills. There is currently a Vision House in the Renton area where 90% of the residents transition out into permanent housing in the community. Property has been purchased in the Shoreline area and plans are underway for 21 transitional apartment homes for homeless families in our area. In Snohomish County, for the 12 month period ending June 2006, almost 26,000 men, women and children were turned away from shelter due to lack of space. Faith Community Church would like to become a partner with Vision House. Please consider giving a special gift on Christmas Eve for this project.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Eve

9:00 AM – Sunday Worship Service (No Sunday School)

5:00 PM – Family Friendly Candlelight

11:00 PM – Candlelight, Carols, and Communion

New Year’s Eve

Close the year with a holiday brunch in the Fellowship Hall following the 9 AM service on Dec 31. Please call the church by Dec 26th to make a reservation.

Children's Corner

Music practice for the Christmas program will be held during the Sunday school music session and children are encouraged to attend the lesson every Sunday starting at 10:30. The rehearsal schedule will include two additional practices that will be announced. Please contact Kate Riddle at 425-775-9680 with questions.

Advent Wreaths

Advent is a season of preparation. Families are invited to create their own Advent Wreath on Sunday, December 3 during the 10:30 hour. Join in assembling greens and candles to make a 'take home' center piece for Advent. Each family will receive a child friendly devotional to accent the Spirit of Christmas. Everyone is asked to bring a medium bag of greens (cut from the yard) and a pair of clippers. A \$5 donation is requested to offset the cost of materials.

Christmas Memorial

Beck's Funeral Home will be hosting a Christmas Memorial service on Wednesday, December 13 at 7 PM in their Garden Chapel, 405 - 5th Ave. S. in Edmonds. The service will feature a time of remembrance for loved ones and those who have given their life in service for our country. A harpist will accompany the service with Christmas classics. Guests are invited to take a moment for quiet reflection about the precious lives of their loved ones. The service is open to the community. Pastor Phil will be leading the service.

Fixers

Volunteers are invited to meet at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, December 4. We will be putting finishing touches on the Sanctuary redecorating, Christmas decorations, and other projects to warm up the campus for our Christmas guests. Lunch will be served to all volunteers at noon.

Poinsettias

If you would like to donate for a memorial poinsettia for the sanctuary, please send a note and \$10 to the church or leave it in the Sunday offering. Poinsettias will be in the church from December 10 to 24. They may be picked up after the 11 PM service on the 24th.

Your Purpose

A four week class on Spiritual Gifts will be offered on December 10, 17, January 7 and 14 at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Participants will be offered personal inventories to determine their passions, gifts, and temperament. At the conclusion of the class, each student will receive a personal consultation to help discern ministry ideas for serving in Christ's kingdom. Phil Assink and Shannon McGinnis will be leading the class. The cost for materials will be \$10.

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