



# Worship

Our Advent series is When God Breaks Through and will be Sunday, November 30 - Sunday, December 21. Here are some other special worship opportunities this month:

## Do You Hear What I Hear?, Sunday, December 7 at 9:30 a.m.

The Northwest UMC choir will present their annual cantata, "Do You What I Hear?" in worship on Sunday December 7 during the 9:30 service. They will also share the cantata at Beloved UMC in Marysville on December 14.

## Blue Christmas, Sunday, December 21 at 2 p.m.

Blue Christmas is a service of hope and healing for those who are hurting this holiday season. It takes place on Sunday, December 21 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary and online. All are welcome.

## Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Services

This year we will again have the 6 p.m. Family Service in the Ministry Center and online and the 8 p.m. Candlelight service in the Sanctuary and online. Nursery care is available at both services and there will be cookies available in the Hall between services. If you would like to help provide cookies, please contact Denise Gorden.

## Special Events

## Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 6, 9-11:30 a.m.

This annual family friendly event includes breakfast, pictures with Santa on your phone or camera, and an opportunity for kids in preschool - 5th grade to enter Santa's Workshop to make gifts for some of the special people in their lives. This is a free event; we are collecting new children's hats, socks, and gloves for our Winter Blessings ministry. More details are at <a href="mailto:nwumc.com/santa">nwumc.com/santa</a>.

## We Four Kings: A Christmas Whodunit, Friday, December 19 at 7 p.m.

Experience the Christmas story in a whole new way this year! Our drama ministry has been hard at work preparing to share "We Four Kings: A Christmas Whodunit from the Skit Guys, written by Rachel Benjamin and Suzanne Davis. Here is the description of the play: "It's the night of the long-awaited Christmas pageant! This time with a "more Biblically accurate" rendition of the Magi's arrival. But suddenly, the wise men's gifts have disappeared and have been replaced with chaos and confusion. Will the cast find the gifts or maybe something of more value to present to the baby King?" All are welcome!

## Giving Opportunities

There are many opportunities to give and serve this holiday season. Here are some of the opportunities:

#### **Christmas Families**

Visit the tables in the Hall to see the gifts needed for this year's Christmas Families. This year's families are from the Church for All People, Wright Elementary, Alvis Inc., and Daniel Wright Elementary, Sign up in the Hall to donate a gift. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 14 so they can be delivered for Christmas.

#### Church for All People Christmas Shop

We are again collecting new, unwrapped toys, books, games, and puzzles for the Church for All People Christmas Shop. Donations can be placed in the bin in the Hall anytime through December 14.

### NNEMAP Pantry Item for December

This December we are collecting hot and cold cereal for the NNEMAP Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the shopping cart in the Hall anytime this month.

### Soup-er Thursday, December 17

We will deliver soup to the Linden Market on Thursday, December 17. Soup can be made at the church or at home - we will even provide the containers. Contact Denise Regenbogen at the church office for more information.

## Santa on the Go, Sunday December 21

This year we will be taking Santa into the neighborhood to deliver gifts to children along the Brown Bag Lunch route. Volunteers will meet at the church at 1 p.m. to go into the neighborhood at 2 p.m. Contact Denise Gorden at the church office if you would like to participate.

## Church for All People Breakfast, December 28

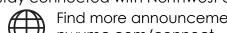
We will prepare and serve breakfast at the Church for All People on Sunday, December 22 and 29. Sign up to help on the sheets in the Hall or use the online sign up at nwumc.com/connect.

## Brown Bag Lunches, December 29

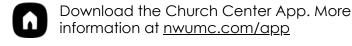
We will be delivering Brown Bag Lunches on Monday, December 29 while students are on winter break. Contact Denise Gorden for more information.

## Find us online

All our Christmas information can be found online at <u>nwumc.com/Christmas</u>. Here are other ways to stay connected with Northwest online:



Find more announcements, sign up for emails, fill out our online connect card and more at nwumc.com/connect.













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