

Quiet Christmas/The Longest Night, Next Wednesday, December 18th 5:30-6:15pm

This season is loud, bright, and festive, but we don't always feel up for that kind of celebrating. As we near the longest night of the year, we will hold space with meditative music, candle-lighting, and prayer. We will journey from individual and personal grief, to community grief, to grief in our world. An offering will be received to support the Parents Circle Families Forum and Combatants for Peace, two peacemaking organizations working with both Israelis and Palestinians affected by the war in the Middle East.

Peace Church Christmas Cantata December 22nd, 10:30am

Jim Pospisil, the Peace Choir, and musicians will present a Christmas Cantata on December 22nd during the 10:30 worship service. If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of this seasonal choral gathering, talk with Jim or show up on Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm

Christmas Caroling December 22nd

We will meet up in Fireside Room after the 10:30 Cantata Worship Service. We will have pizza and then head out to bring cheer to Peace members who are homebound and living in assisted living. All ages are welcome!

Christmas Eve Dinner

Enjoy a festive dinner after the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. Whether you find yourself alone or have a large crew this holiday season, all are invited to share a soup (and more) meal in the decorated Fellowship Hall after the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. Traditionally we have had contributions of wonderful soups and chilis and Christmas cookies. If you can help provide some of these items or if you would like to help out in the kitchen let Cindy McLean (webinthewoods@gmail.com) or Bri in the office. This dinner has been going on for over 25 years and it is always a pleasant gathering of old and new friends. Join us for the first time or the 20th time.

Dismantling Racism Book Study

The Dismantling Racism Team invites you to participate in a weekly Wednesday night book discussion, January 15th through February 12th, 5:30-6:15. We will explore the book *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future* by Robert P Jones. In order to include avid readers and "I-want-to-read-but-don't-have-time" folks, we will augment the information in most chapters with a video clip to start discussion. The book is in the church library, the Duluth public library or may be purchased for a 15% discount at Zenith Bookstore using the code PEACEBOOKS. Come to some or all of the weekly sessions. Contact Bri in the church office to let us know you're planning to come. We will send messages to you with details about weekly readings, videos and discussions.

Weekly Calendar**Monday, December 16th**

9:00am Yoga with Robin in the Fireside Room and Zoom
7:00pm Boy Scouts in the Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Samar Gul's Welcome Circle in the Fireside Room and Zoom

Tuesday, December 17th

6:30pm Coordinating Council in the Fireside Room and Zoom

Wednesday, December 18th

2:30pm Tea & Talk in the Fireside Room
3:30pm Listen, Reflect, and Connect in the Fireside Room
4:00pm Grounds Improvement Meeting in the Staff Lounge
5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Quiet Christmas in the Sanctuary
5:45pm Bible Study in the Fireside Room and Zoom
6:15pm Choir in the Sanctuary

Thursday, December 19th

12:00pm Shelter Wing Ribbon Cutting in the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 21st

10:00am Cantata Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis
9:30am Self-Serve Coffee in the Narthex
10:30am Choir Christmas Cantata
11:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall
11:45am Christmas Caroling starting in the Fireside Room