



ADVENT GREETINGS FROM CHAPEL BY THE SEA

WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM



*Bringing God's Inclusive, Affirming, Welcoming Love
To All As We Work For Justice And Peace.
(Chapel by the Sea Mission Statement adopted 2017)*

THIS SUNDAY at 10:30 am Pastor Linda preaching - Matthew 3:1-12

Advent Candle Lighting - Hope, Peace

Lunch and fellowship followed by the **2nd Annual Open House at the Chapel**
All proceeds will benefit the Barbara Topete Memorial Fund which helps those
in emergency need in the community. The Bake Sale will benefit the chapel's
Hunger Action Fund.



SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

December 15 - Matthew 11:2-11 - Advent Candle Lighting - Hope, Peace, Joy

December 22 - Matthew 1:18-25 Advent Candle Lighting - Hope, Peace, Joy, Love

December 29 - Matthew 2:13-23

December 24 - Christmas Eve at the Chapel with Carols and Candles 4 PM - Lighting of the Christ Candle.

CHAPEL CALENDAR

MONDAYS - AA evening group meets at 7 pm in the chapel hall. Contact Nita:360.276.4146

TUESDAYS - NA evening group meets at 7:30 pm in the chapel hall. Contact Dennis 360.986.0815

Third Tuesdays North Beach Food Bank 9 - 11 am outside Firestation #8.

THURSDAYS IN DECEMBER - FAITH, FOOD, FRIENDSHIP 6 - 7 PM

Advent study - Creating a Matthew 25 Advent Season - *Straw for the Manger.*



Our congregation has accepted the PC(USA)'s invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31-46. Accepting the Matthew 25 invitation from our denomination means that we have committed to building congregational vitality. This focus is foundational to our mission as Christ's followers and as we move forward with the Vital Congregations Initiative next year. Learn more at pcusa.org/matthew25 website.

Thursday December 19 - will include a Longest Night service of healing and wholeness at 6:30 PM
Thursday December 26 - BOXING DAY CELEBRATION - Box up your left-overs, invite a friend and let us feast together
as we celebrate the 12 days of Christmas. FAITH, FOOD, FRIENDSHIP begins at 6 PM

SESSION MEETING THURSDAY DECEMBER 12 at 4 PM to finalize the 2020 budget.

Thank you to our faithful members and friends of the chapel who tithe and pledge and thank you to our presbytery. The second and final grant of 15K from the Presbytery of Olympia was received to meet our financial commitments through September 2020. Other session highlights:

-A report was given from Cindy Stearns who represented the chapel at a Vital Congregations Conference in Kansas City.

-Quarterly benevolence to local community emergencies totalling \$2,451 was disbursed from the Barbara Topete Memorial Fund

-A generous donation to the Chapel's Hunger Action Team of \$2,000 was donated to the Pacific Beach Food Bank. The PB food bank is operated by James Pressinger (aka Wacky) with two other board members as a 5013c non-profit organization from his mobile food bank at Wacky Warehouse in Pacific Beach. The Chapel, PB Food Bank and Coastal Harvest Food Bank serve those who are food insecure on the 3rd Tuesday every month outside Firestation #8.

- The Green Lantern Lunch Program (founded by chapel member, Phyllis Shaughnessy) will deliver sack lunches to school children during the Christmas break thanks in part to a Presbyterian Women Thank Offering 2019 one-time grant.

-Pastor Linda and three members from the chapel were commissioned as part of the Vital Congregations Initiative along with members from 9 other churches in the Presbytery of Olympia.

see below: from the left, Margaret and Ed Tegenfeldt, Cindy Stearns, Pastor Linda, Crawford Brubaker who will be one of the facilitators assigned to the chapel during the Vital Congregations Initiative which starts in 2020. Bryce Wiebe gave the charge.



YEAR END GIVING

The chapel appreciates your financial support as we work towards sustainability and get ready to celebrate the Chapel's 60th anniversary in June of next year. Consider legacy giving, endowing your tithe, or check with your financial planner. If you are seventy and a half years young and blessed to have an IRA, you may instruct your IRA custodian to transfer an amount directly to Chapel by the Sea. The gift would not produce a charitable contribution deduction, but would fulfill some or all of your required minimum distribution without increasing your taxable income - so if you are a non-itemizer because of the new, higher standard deduction this would be a perfect gift to fund the chapel's ministry of revitalization and 60th anniversary refurbishment. Our PCUSA ministry relations partner, Rob Hagan is available to assist and will be with us again in March 2020 to help us become better stewards of all God has bestowed upon us. Online giving is also available on our website:

www.CHAPELBYTHESEAWA.ORG

PRAYER LIST - Gracious God for those known to us and for those known only to you.

Lord in your mercy...

Jim Adkins, chemotherapy for stage 4 cancer after emergency surgery

Penny Adkins recovering strength to help husband Jim

Monty Hall Sr. suffered a stroke

Christy, neighbor of Phyllis, stage 4 cancer.

Kristy Preheim, that health may be restored

Jeff, son-in-law of Phyllis Shaughnessy

Suzanne's health, Tavia, Tara, Kim, Becky Gilbertson

For the chapel members as we prepare for the Vital Congregations Initiative in 2020

For new members, new elders,

Hagar's Community Church WCCW... *hear our prayer.*

Thank you God for prayers answered!

A Prayer from Straw for the Manger

*Lead us, O God to be bold in inviting others to experience
the body of Christ, to witness the ways that we love one another.*

Lead us to those who are hungry for you,

who want to belong to others,

and who may not even realize it.

*Let us go into this world, taking this simple first step
to make disciples. Amen.*

In Christ's Ministry,

Pastor Linda

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