



PEACE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*I cannot dance, O Lord, unless You lead me.
If You wish me to leap joyfully,
Let me see You dance and sing!
--Mechtild of Magdeburg*

Join us on Christmas Eve—**Wednesday, December 24**—as we gather from the four directions and celebrate the light of Christ rising in the darkness and shadows of winter. This year's schedule offers three different services:

5 pm: a FAMILY-CENTERED SERVICE

+ featuring your favorite carols and story-telling for the young ones

8 pm: a SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

+ featuring our Chancel Choir and Vlada Volkova-Moran on the organ

10 pm: a CANDLELIGHT JAZZ CHRISTMAS

+ featuring 'Jazz on High' with a sweet twist on Christmas joy

Join us **Friday, December 11** at 7 pm for "SPIRIT OF PEACE"—a lovely hour of Advent spirit and prayer, in a contemplative spirit.

This year, we're delighted to again offer an experience of "THE ADVENT SPIRAL." It's a contemplative service, inspired by the Waldorf tradition. We'll sing, light candles and walk along a spiral of evergreen boughs.

All are welcome as we journey more deeply into the mystery and grace of the season!



The Christmas Project Gifts for Pajaro Valley Migrant Families

For almost twenty years our church has provided Christmas gifts for migrant families in Pajaro Valley. At a time when agricultural jobs are on a decline, most families have little money for the holidays. Before and after church, we will have a table where you can select a special person to buy a gift until we have all gifts covered. We have over 100 to choose from. There's Antonio, age 53, who would like some tools; 15-year-old Alexandra who wants a journal book; Josefina, who is 65 years old and wants a frying pan; and Luis who at 3 years of age wants a trike. So please look for the table and sign up!

Gifts will need to be to the church by Sunday, December 13th. To join the fun of delivering gifts to the families meet at Watsonville Hospital on Tuesday, December 22 at 9:30am.



A Great Big Thank You

To all who helped clean-up, move furniture, paint, move furniture, rebuild and move furniture during our redo of the lower level of the CE building!



Coastal Community Preschool,
Roger Erickson, Jan Graff, Caryl
Williamson, Tom Wages, Jane Heyse,
Mary Male, Ken Thomas, Bill Walton,
George Sanderson, everyone who
helped with the many tasks it took to
get it all done

**And our Contractor & Painter who
both went above and beyond to help us
get the rebuild done well & in a timely
fashion:**

Contractor -Erick Freels
831 247-7146

Painter -Anthony Howard of Phase 4
Paint 831 325-1020

Gather 'Round: Friday Family Night at Peace

Friday, December 11th

5:30-7:00 pm

In the Sanctuary

Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to join us for dinner, conversation, stories, songs, and crafts to celebrate the season and the gifts of community!

**Come from home, or come right from work:
dinner will be provided!**

Each month, Yael Lachman invites parents and kids of all ages to share a meal and explore the spiritual themes of the season together. Come every month, or whenever you can! Questions? Contact Yael: yael@peaceunited.org

Spirit of Peace

Prayer and Songs in a Contemplative Spirit



Friday, December 11th

7:00 pm

In the Sanctuary

Join us as we sing, light candles and walk along a spiral of evergreen boughs in this beautiful advent celebration.

Faith Community Shelter

Invites You to a

Peace-ful Holiday Potluck Party

Each week, volunteers from Peace United provide dinner and a safe place to sleep for community members in need of housing.

You're invited to join us as we celebrate the holidays and the gift of community – together!

COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL
and bring the kids
to the
2nd floor of
Peace UCC
Christian Education Building

Sunday, December 13th
5:30-8:00 pm

GOOD FOOD,
CONVERSATION,
GAMES,
AND MUSIC

RSVP to
pegathahughes@gmail.com

SACRED CONVERSATIONS: Sundays @ 9 am

This fall, we're kicking off a new series of 'sacred conversations' on Sunday mornings in the Lounge at 9. Every month, the theme will shift a bit, ranging from Christian practice, to moral and ethical issues, to spiritual matters relating to the lifecycle. You're encouraged to join these conversations, in a spirit of communion, respect and curiosity. Let's grow and wonder together!

"KEEPING WATCH AT THE DOORWAY OF ADVENT" In this season of watching and waiting, we remember that God is seeking to be born not only among us, but within us. In these bustling weeks of celebration, how might we make room in our lives for God to enter the world through us? Join Yael Lachman for this series, beginning November 29.

FOR THE WORLD: Education and Ethics @ Peace United Church

Save these dates for weekend conferences at Peace United Church of Christ;

+ FEBRUARY 5–6, 2016:

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME:
MORAL RESPONSES TO
CATASTROPHIC CLIMATE CHANGE**
Featuring keynote speaker Kathleen Dean Moore (moral philosopher and author), Jim and Jean Strathdee (musicians) and many religious leaders and seekers.

+ APRIL 29 – 30, 2016:

**JUSTICE FOR PALESTINE:
BDS AT THE CROSSROADS OF
CHURCH, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY**
Featuring key Palestinian activists (Christian and Muslim) and UCC national leaders focusing on strategies for human liberation and peace in the Holy Land.

Watch this space and church news for registration information on these two educational conferences open to people of all faiths! LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

CARING & SUPPORT

BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY AT PEACE UNITED

CARING & VISITATION TEAM: GETTING TO KNOW US

Interested in joining a compassionate circle of friends and extending peace and blessing to members often confined to their homes and apartments? Dave Grishaw-Jones hosts an informational lunch and discussion on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8** at 12:00 pm in the Library. We're looking for patient and loving listeners who enjoy visiting and see this as a sweet opportunity for caring. All are welcome!

A NEW "CAREGIVERS CIRCLE": CONVERSATION & SUPPORT

Are you a caregiver with loving responsibility for another? Are you looking for a bit of spiritual support and loving kindness? Maybe you know somebody else who is? Dave Grishaw-Jones invites you to join him and others for a beginning conversation around this new small group: on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**, from 10:30 am to 12 pm in the Church Library. All are welcome as we imagine an ongoing group for caregivers and a prayerful partnership at Peace.

DECEMBER CRAFTERNOONS AT PEACE

Tuesdays from 3:00-5:30
in the Fireside Lounge



Join us every Tuesday afternoon in December for Advent and Christmas crafts, tea, and friends. Bring a handwork project of your own, or use our collection of holiday crafting supplies. All ages are welcome!

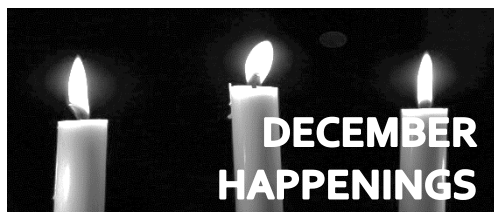
Join us for a Peace United Advent Pot-Luck Brunch Craft Extravaganza and Tree-Decorating Party



Sunday, December 6th
right after worship in the Fellowship Hall



We'll provide craft materials and instruction.
You're invited to bring a pot-luck dish to share and join in the fun
as we prepare for Christmas with decorations,
crafts, and all kinds of joy!



SANTA LUCIA FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Saturday, December 5th, 4-7pm

The Scandinavian cultural Center of Santa Cruz presents its 27th annual Santa Lucia Festival. The legend of Lucia youth pageant will be followed by The legend of Lucia youth pageant will Children will especially enjoy this event. There is a small charge of \$5 per adult. For more information call Jeanne Shada at 831-247-3253.

ALL-AGES ADVENT WORSHIP & POT-LUCK

Sunday, December 6th, 10:30am

Come join in brunch, Advent crafts and decorating the hall after our 1st Sunday of the month All-Ages worship service.

GATHER 'ROUND FAMILY DINNER

Friday, December 11th, 5:30pm

In the sanctuary

Dinner and more for all ages. Email Yael, yael@peaceunited.org or call the office to let us know you'll be joining us!

ADVENT SPIRAL

Friday, December 11th, 7:00pm

In the Sanctuary

Join us as we sing, light candles and walk along a spiral of evergreen boughs in this beautiful advent celebration.

YOUTH GROUP PARTY

Saturday, December 12th, 5:30-8pm

At the Alm family home

There will be ping pong, pizza-making, a campfire, hot cocoa and cider, friends, and fun! Please dress warmly. For more information please contact the office 831 426-2020 or Yael yael@peaceunited.org.

CAROLING CARAVAN

Wednesday, December 16th, 4-7pm

Mark the date on your calendars: We'll stop at several assisted living centers and a few homes to bring Christmas cheer to our shut-in friends. Look for more details in the Sunday bulletin, or call Dave Dodson for more information 459 9968.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES @ PEACE

Thursday, December 24th, 5pm, 8pm, and 10pm

5 pm: A Family-Centered Christmas

8 pm: A Service of Lessons & Carols

10 pm: Candlelight Jazz



CORE VALUES

**one.
extravagant welcome**

**two.
wonder & gratitude**

**three.
a way of compassion**

**four.
curiosity & communication**

**five.
commitment to peacemaking**

**six.
evangelical courage**

**seven.
spiritual formation**

**eight.
a church beyond walls**

Over several months in 2012 and 2013, members and friends explored our shared traditions, our particular passions and our theological heritage. In all that, we discerned eight 'core' or 'motivating' values—values that infuse our ministries with purpose and energy. Take a look at the eight...and get involved in a class or small group to see how it all plays out in YOUR life.

Sharing Our Gifts

"Giving to Grow our Community"

Do you have a unique skill or fun hobby to share, or a great idea for a gathering you'd like to host? Let us know!

Sharing Our Gifts events and activities serve to raise funds for the church and also to bring us all into closer fellowship.

UPCOMING EVENT:



Christmas Party –
Saturday December 19, 6pm
Lloyd & Sue Robinson's home
Tickets \$75 per person
available through
www.eventbrite.com OR
after church on December 7

For more information contact
Joanna Normoyle, 438-7874 or
Sue Robinson, 429-1597

HOW ABOUT GETTING CONNECTED?

ON THE WEB:

Look for us online at www.peaceunited.org.

ON FACEBOOK:

Find us and LIKE US at "Peace United Church of Christ, Santa Cruz."

WEEKLY E-NEWS:

We have a weekly e-newsletter that goes out on Thursday with news for the coming weekend and week. You can find it and sign up to receive it by clicking on ENEWS on the main menu on our website. Or call the office at 426-2010.

Yael LACHMAN:

Yael's blog is "A River of Joy" at

www.ariverofjoy.wordpress.com.

DAVE GRISHAW-JONES:

Dave's blog is "Valley Rise Up" at

www.valleyriseup.blogspot.com.

PEACE UNITED'S STAFF:

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Chancel Choir Director: Cheryl Anderson

Organist: Vlada Volkova-Moran

Jazz Band Directors:

Lori Rivera
Art Alm

Sunday School Teacher: Corrina Regan

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

All relationships require commitment, discipline and love! Cultivate your relationship with the Divine as you grow in a daily spiritual practice. You'll find support, friends and encouragement here at Peace United Church. Feel free to talk with a pastor—or check out one of our opportunities for spiritual growth in small groups!

MEDITATION & CENTERING

TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNINGS
8:20 to 8:50 in the SANCTUARY
or 7:00 to 7:30 in LIVE OAK
(1837 Alice Street, near 17th & E Cliff)

Two locations! A shared commitment! You pick which one's most convenient for you. This simple half-hour offers a chance to practice centering prayer together. It's as easy as sitting in silence, paying attention to the gift of breath. All are welcome to drop in any time! Dave Grishaw-Jones hosts in the sanctuary; Marie Grace Brook hosts at the Jasmine Garden Oasis in Live Oak.

NOTE: The Live Oak option begins 11/17!

PASSAGE MEDITATION

TUESDAY EVENINGS
with Forest Monsen

Forest invites interest and practice around "passage meditation"—a dynamic practice involving focused attention and ancient texts. Call Forest for more information at 469-3095.

GATHER ROUND:

FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT AT PEACE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH IN THE SANCTUARY
5:30 pm

Friends of all ages are invited to join us for dinner, conversation, stories, songs, and crafts to celebrate the season and the gifts of community! For more information, call Yael at 426-2010.

SPIRIT OF PEACE:

CHANT, PRAYER & MEDITATION

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH IN THE SANCTUARY
7:00 pm
All are welcome!

You're invited to an intimate circle of contemplative song and prayer—right here in the sanctuary at Peace United. Looking for a spiritual gift at the end of a busy week? Join us!

JUSTICE & PEACEMAKING

More than dogma, beyond doctrine, Jesus calls us to discipleship, peacemaking and service. In a world fractured by war and aching in poverty, Christians are moved to creative expressions of generosity, solidarity and love. Be curious. Take a risk. If you don't see something here—see a church leader or pastor! Let's make it happen together.

COPA: ORGANIZING FOR JUSTICE

COPA is Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action—and Peace United works side-by-side with synagogues, labor groups and civic organizations for affordable housing, health care access, immigration reform and economic opportunity. Our COPA CORE TEAM meets once a month to coordinate, learn and strategize together. Call Dave Grishaw-Jones for more at 426-2010.

SHELTER FOR HOMELESS FRIENDS

Peace United joins with friends from other Santa Cruz churches to offer a nightly shelter for families who find themselves without shelter. Peace United takes responsibility for Sunday evenings—and hosts a community of 15-20 every Sunday night. Contact Suzanne McLean at suzmc@cruzers.com for more on volunteering, cooking meals and creating a ministry of hospitality.

WINGS: ADVOCACY MINISTRY

WINGS is a partner ministry with Peace United, training a caring group of advocates to support individuals in their walk out of homelessness and despair. We're developing a new team to work in partnership with friends at the Rebele Family Shelter. Contact Peggy Benedum for more at 566-3738.

SH/OP: SUPPORTING HEALTH WITH ORGANIC PRODUCE

Sponsored by Chadeish Yameinu, this is a weekly FREE organic produce distribution for those suffering with cancer, HIV and autoimmune disorders such as MS, Rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, etc. Saturdays @ 2pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

For more information or to volunteer:

produceforhealth@gmail.com

RESOURCE CENTER FOR NONVIOLENCE

The RCNV is a local peace and justice center founded in 1976. Working with a diverse community of allies, the RCNV provides community leadership around a range of interests: from the culture of war to immigration justice, from peacemaking to economic justice for all. You can find more at www.rcnv.org or by seeing church member Peter Klotz-Chamberlin (251-4833), who is also a staff member at RCNV.

HELP WITH OUR VEGE GARDEN

We garden together in our own vegetable garden on the 1st Saturday of the month, from 3-5 pm. Meet and work in the garden (below the lower parking lot). Bring gloves, water bottle, a trowel and a snack to share. Occasionally the date is switch, so please contact Liz Klotz-Chamberlin for more at 251-4330.

GREEN TEAM

Peace United's GREEN TEAM helps the church keep faith with commitments to ecological justice. Contact Caryl Williamson at 706-0709.

HOLY CROSS FOOD PANTRY

The Holy Cross Food Pantry is running short of volunteers. Several Peace United members volunteer there now. We're asked to serve one or two 2-hour shifts per month (10-12 or 12-2) on Wednesdays or Fridays. If you'd like more information, email director Irene Lennox at scotirene@yahoo.com or call her at 831-457-2690.

PROPHETS OF HOPE

Peace United has a lively network of ministry teams doing compassionate ministry in local jails and juvenile halls. We have a men's team and a women's team at the County Jail, a team serving at the Blaine St. Women's Facility, and one serving the youth at the County's Juvenile Hall. Interested? Call Beverly Brook for more at 429-1392.

VETS 4 VETS

FIRST TUESDAY @ 6 pm
1658 SOQUEL DR., SUITE B

New volunteer opportunities in our community to support veterans in a multitude of ways! See Stoney Brook for more information or call 477-7515.



EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME

As an OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION of the United Church of Christ, we're passionate about the extravagant welcome extended to each and every child of God. In 1997, our 'open and affirming covenant' made it particularly clear that gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual and questioning friends were 'extravagantly welcome' at the very heart of this Christian community. We're committed to demonstrating what truly inclusive and healing Christian fellowship looks like and how we can grow in faith together.

PFLAG

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) of Santa Cruz County meets the second Tuesday of every month from 7 – 9 pm right here at Peace United Church. Find support and friendship. Help us make the world a better, safer place for all. Contact us: pflagsgcc@gmail.com or www.pflagsgcc.org or 831-427-4016.

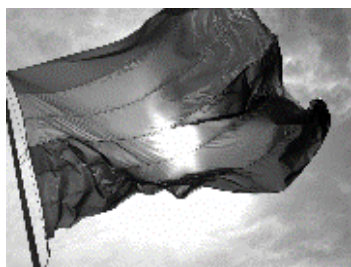
NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
UPPER ROOM, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

ALL KINDS OF WEDDINGS

PEACE IS THE PLACE FOR LOVE,
UNION AND GETTING MARRIED!

Peace ministers, Dave Grishaw-Jones and Yael Lachman welcome the opportunity to speak with couples considering marriage! As an OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION, Peace United celebrates marriages between men, between women, and between men and women! All shapes and sizes fit here! We've got a great community, wonderful musicians and a beautiful facility. It's a great place to begin a new chapter of love and marriage! Be in touch with Dave or Yael for more information.



FINDING COMMUNITY

Small groups of all kinds offer a place for exploration and support. Your life here will deepen in spirit and connection as you participate in some kind of small group. Give one of our leaders a call, have tea, and see where these ministries lead you!

VETERANS GROUP

Be in touch with Jan Graff or Stoney Brook (477-7515). The Veterans Group meets for food, fun and socializing throughout the year. All veterans and their families are welcome.

JACOB'S LADDER: MEN'S GROUP

Contact Doug Owen @ 566-0676. This Men's Group meets one Thursday night each month from 7 to 9 pm. Men find space for exploration, friendship and spiritual growth.

DOMINICAN OAKS COMMUNION

A monthly hour of prayer and communion with Dave Grishaw-Jones—at Dominican Oaks Retirement Community (3400 Paul Sweet Road behind the Hospital). We usually meet there on the last Friday of the month at 10:30 am. All are welcome as we worship with our church friends at Dominican Oaks. Our next date is 11/20. See Dave for more.

SARAH'S CIRCLE: A Women's Group

Contact Barbara Baker @ 429-6213. All women are welcome to join us for friendship, spiritual support, and discussion. We meet at 7pm on the second Wednesday and 4th Tuesday of the month in the Jr. High Room.

FRIDAY MORNING GROUNDS

Contact Bill Walton @ 600-7343. This group of men and women get together most Fridays from 9 am to 12 pm, working to beautify the church 'grounds' and care for other on-site projects. After some work around campus, they sit down for coffee, doughnuts and warm conversation. All are welcome!

TUESDAY CRAFTERNOONS

Adults and kids of all ages are invited to bring any craft or handwork project you enjoy, and join us for relaxing afternoons of crafting. We meet **Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:00** in the Fireside Lounge. If you don't have a project to work on, no problem: we'll provide some crafting supplies each week, along with tea and hot cocoa. Everyone is welcome, so bring your neighbors and friends! Contact Yael for more information at 426-2010.

LUNCH BUNCH

"Lunch Bunch" is a warm fellowship meeting in the Lounge for lunch and conversation on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at 12 noon. Our food is prepared by Chris and Molly Ohlsen of OHLSEN FOODS (and of Peace United Church!) or you may bring your own. Please **RSVP by November 24** either way.

December 1st - RESCHEDULED: Avoiding Scams with Sheriff's Detective, Matt Pursley

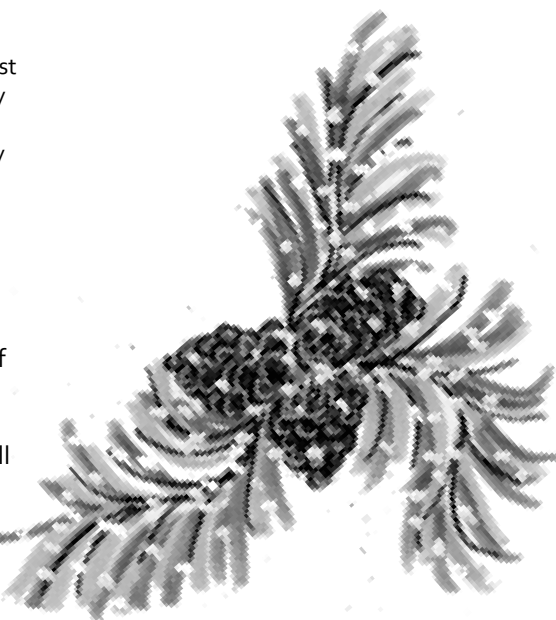
If you would like to get on the Lunch Bunch mailing list, please contact the office 426-2010 or office@peaceunited.org

THE CINEMATIC SALON

THE SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER 12, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm
IN THE LIBRARY, SNACKS PROVIDED!

Come, join the "Cinematic Salon" for lively and spirit-filled conversation about contemporary films. Each month, we select from films currently playing in nearby theatres or as rentals for the following month. See one or more and join our conversation! Just like at the end of a great sermon, or after a good or bad film, one's desire is to go out with friends and discuss what you've experienced. The "Cinematic Salon" is just such a place. Beverly Brook is our leader and convener, and she welcomes your ideas and enthusiasm.

DECEMBER'S FILMS TO WATCH:
SUFFRAGETTE
&
SPOTLIGHT



ALL KINDS OF FAMILIES

All kinds of families find welcome and spirit here at Peace United Church of Christ. Know that you're welcome—whatever your situation or generation—to join in the spirit-lifting ministries of our expanding program for families, children and youth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ PEACE

SUNDAY MORNINGS

During the 10:30 am Worship Hour Children in grades K-5 are invited to join the congregation during the first part of worship, and then continue on to Sunday School. Please note that on the first Sunday of each month, there is no Sunday School – children and families worship together during our special All-Ages worship service, followed by a pot-luck lunch. For more information, please contact Yael Lachman 426-2010 or yael@peaceunited.org.

CHILDCARE @ PEACE UNITED

SUNDAYS FROM 9:30 am to 12 pm

We have a warm and friendly childcare program for small children every Sunday. You can drop your children/toddlers off on the lower level of the CE building—before you head for worship, or at any point during the service. It's up to you! Contact Yael Lachman for more information.

YOUTH GROUP @ PEACE UNITED

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

All youth ages 11 to 14 are invited to join us! Youth group meets on the **first and third Sunday of each month, at 9:00 a.m., in the Youth Room**. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a great year of fun, friends, and growing faith. Contact Yael Lachman 426-2010 or yael@peaceunited.org.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

If you have a teenager in high school who might be interested in joining our senior youth group, please contact Yael Lachman 426-2010 or yael@peaceunited.org. All are welcome!

MINISTRY TEAMS

THESE MINISTRY TEAMS ARE HOPING YOU'LL JUMP IN—AND LEND YOUR ENERGIES TO THEIRS.

WORSHIP & ARTS TEAM

Is helping to integrate visual arts, spoken word arts and others into the vibrant life of our congregation. Are you passionate about the arts? Contact Dave Grishaw-Jones or Deb Culmer for more.

MISSION & JUSTICE TEAM

Is working to build our church's vital witness of compassion in the community outside our doors, and well beyond. We're thinking about ministries with those without homes, ministries in prison and institutional settings, prophetic action for peace and justice. To join the team or learn more, be in touch with Jim Weller (510-325-1361).

CARING & VISITATION TEAM

Offers friendship to members and friends unable to attend church regularly. Team members call on these folks once a month and maintain contact by phone. Interested? Call leader Dave Grishaw-Jones at 426-2010 for more.

OPEN HEART PRAYER TEAM

Prays weekly for the requests and concerns of teens and adults visited by our Juvenile Hall and Jail Ministry Teams. Each week, inmates ask us for particular prayers: family members in crisis, lonely children, personal hopes for the future. Team members receive a weekly EMAIL—and are asked to pray around these requests each day. For more, or to get on the team list, call Beverly Brook @ 429-1392.

EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME TEAM

Welcomes Sunday worshipers to church and coffee hour. Greeters and coffee hour helpers are scheduled to serve about once a month. If you would like to serve as a welcome call Anne Rogers @ 438-1003.

ONGOING STUDIES

GROWING IN SPIRIT AND FAITH

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS

IN THE LIBRARY AT PEACE UNITED

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm (continues all summer long)

Join us for an informal, lively 90 minutes—of study and sharing around the texts we read in worship each week. You can drop in, come as you're able, and enjoy the conversation and community gathered. All are welcome—and Dave Grishaw-Jones is our host.

SACRED CONVERSATIONS: KEEPING WATCH AT THE DOORWAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY MORNINGS

IN THE LOUNGE AT PEACE UNITED

9:00 to 10:00 am (4 Advent Sundays)

In this season of watching and waiting, we remember that God is seeking to be born not only among us, but within us. What might it mean to clear a space for the arrival of God? In these bustling weeks of celebration, how might we make room in our lives for God to enter the world through? Join Yael Lachman for this series, beginning November 29.



SING, SING, SING!

AT PEACE UNITED

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Is a community of members and friends dedicated to great music and lively participation in Sunday services. Led by Cheryl Anderson and accompanied by Vlada Volkova-Moran, the Choir draws from the great choral tradition of progressive Christianity and the evolving choral repertoire as well. It rehearses every Monday in the Music Room at 6 pm. If you're at all interested, give Cheryl a call at 277-9017.

THE SANTA CRUZ COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

Includes singers from many faith communities and traditions across Santa Cruz County. Led by David Wells, the gospel choir rehearses twice a month here at Peace United: on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings, in the Music Room, beginning at 7 pm. They sing from a rich tradition of gospel music. You can simply come to a Tuesday rehearsal or contact Raneta Pomeroy at ranetap@gmail.com.

PEACE & CARROTS GARDEN

Help Our Vegetable Garden Keep Growing Strong

The garden group is looking for the following donations. Please contact Liz Klotz-Chamberlin at flowergarden@baymoon.com, if you can help. Thank you!

- Organic fertilizer
- 4x4 redwood or pressure treated wood - scraps are okay
- Garden soil
- Tarp
- A wheelbarrow

WORSHIP THIS DECEMBER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 10:30 am

WORSHIP AND POTLUCK

Yael Lachman, Preaching

With the Jazz Band and Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 7 pm

Spirit of Peace: Candlelight Worship for All Ages with song and walking a spiral of evergreen boughs.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 @ 10:30 am

Dave Grishaw-Jones, Preaching

With the Chancel Choir

And their special offering of "Magnificat"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 @ 10:30 am

Dave Grishaw-Jones, Preaching

With the Jazz Band

CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

5 pm: A Family-Centered Christmas

8 pm: A Service of Lessons & Carols

10 pm: Candlelight Jazz at Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 @ 10:30 am

Yael Lachman, Preaching

With the Jazz Band



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

If you would like to have a memorial for a loved one listed in the Christmas bulletin, please use this form to give us the information along with your contribution in any amount, to the Church Office by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th. Funds are used to beautify the church during the holidays.

YOUR NAME _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

RELATIONSHIP (optional) _____



