

December 2-9, 2018 at

First Congregational United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Worshiping Sundays 10:30 AM at 10th & G Streets, NW | www.firstuccdc.org



Fall Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 2

The congregation is called and invited to the Fall Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 2 at 12 noon. The proposed agenda is attached to this newsletter.

Not-Your-Average December Potluck

Join us following the service on Sunday for a potluck luncheon. Before the business meeting starts and after we have eaten, we are going to take time to thank Rev. James Ross for all the marvelous gifts he has given us during his years at First Church. We wish him well as he heads off to St. Louis, even as we feel the void he will leave. As we said last month, this is a time of real transition, so please take advantage of this opportunity to gather and support one another. Please bring whatever food you choose, knowing that the people around you are the real reason to show up.



Newtown Foundation Sixth Annual National Vigil for All Victims of Gun Violence Wednesday, December 5

Especially for those of us who live or work on Capitol Hill: The Newtown Foundation Sixth Annual National Vigil for All Victims of Gun Violence is being held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church (301 A St SE, Washington, DC 20003) from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Wednesday, December 5. More information at www.stmarks.net
Public transportation options include Capitol South metro and the 30 series bus lines.

Christmas Pageant

December 9, 2018, 10:30 AM

Rehearsal, December 8 at 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Please join us for a wonderful tradition -- the First Church Christmas pageant! Children of all ages will be participating! If your child would like to participate and has not yet signed up, please contact Rev. Sam as soon as possible.



Cookie Exchange, December 9 following Worship

Please join us for the annual cookie exchange on December 9 after the children's pageant. Bring a family favorite or a new recipe to share. Drop cookies off in the kitchen prior to church. Coffee hour will be upstairs that Sunday.

Rev. James Ross II, Minister of Justice Formation
Rev. Sam McFerran, Minister of Faith Formation
John Horman, Director of Music
Byron Adams, Building Manager
Cindy Dobbs, Administrative Assistant
Lynaya Morris, Dwight Davis, Members in Discernment

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Coffee Hour Hosts

December 2	Courtney McCaffrey	Tom McCaffrey	Nan McConnell	Nick McConnell
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Sound

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Ushers

December 2	Mike Zawada	Anisa Heming
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Calendar

Sunday, December 2

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Sunday School, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*
James Ross preaching
- 11:30 am Potluck Luncheon, *Comm. Hall*
- 12:00 pm Fall Congregational Mtg.,
Community Hall
- 12:00 pm Christian Ed. Commission,
Ed. Suite

Monday, December 3

- 6:00 pm Downtown Drop-In Center
for Homeless Youth
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Task Force, *Comm. Hall*

Tuesday, December 4

- 7:00 pm Worship Commission, *Chapel*

Wednesday, December 5

- 12:15 pm Break Away Meditation, *Chapel*

Thursday, December 6

- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

Saturday, December 8

- 2:30 pm Pageant Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

Sunday, December 9

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Sunday School, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*
Children's Pageant
- 12:00 pm Cookie Swap, *Community Hall*

Prayer List

Rev. James D. Ross II as he goes forward to St. Louis.
Don Bassler, recovering from surgery.
Courtney McCaffrey on the death of her father.
Joan King, on the death of her mother.
Jennie Hunt
Rev. Dr. Ron Hopson
Marlene Ross
Barbara Berman, recovering from spine surgery.
Susan Goodmans' brother, who is in Hospice care.
Alexis Joy Hayes • Pat Ashbrook • Ruth Shinn
First Church Staff