

December 23-30, 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.*

Worshipping Sundays 10:30 AM at 10<sup>th</sup> & G Streets, NW | [www.firstuccdc.org](http://www.firstuccdc.org)



## Tent of Nations Olive Oil Fundraiser

LAST CHANCE this Sunday for Palestinian olive oil, soap, tapanade, zataar, cookbooks and olive wood ornaments!! Call or email Karen Byrne (202.365.0017 or [revkarenbyrne@gmail.com](mailto:revkarenbyrne@gmail.com)) if you want us to reserve items to avoid being sold out. THANK YOU for your support!

## Christmas Eve Worship Service at 5:30 PM

Please join First Church for a joyful Christmas Eve! We will have our beautiful candle-lit Christmas Eve Service: "Light of Emmanuel - God is with us," a service at the manger with candlelight, carols, sharing and readings! All are welcome!



## Christmas Eve Offering: UCC Christmas Fund

The offering at the Christmas Eve service on December 24 will support the UCC's Christmas Fund. The Fund provides financial aid to retired and active ministers and their surviving spouses and children who face overwhelming financial demands. Your gifts will be very much appreciated. You may place a check in the offering plate or send it to the church office, payable to the church and marked for the Christmas Fund. All the loose offering in the plate on Christmas Eve will go to the Christmas Fund.

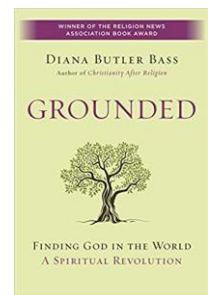


## Annual Reports due January 4, 2019

Please submit your annual reports in final form to the church office by Friday, January 4. Please contact the church office with any questions.

## Theology Reading Group January 15 at 6:30 PM

The Theology Reading Group will meet next on Tuesday, January 15, at 6:30 PM, to discuss Diana Butler Bass, Grounded: Finding God in the World. Phyllis Tickle described Grounded as "almost an anthem to the sacred unity of the physical and the spiritual in the formation of human faith and in the maturation of the human soul." Everyone is welcome.



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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Please note that the church office will be closed from December 24-January 1. If you have an urgent pastoral need, please contact Jean Alexander at 304-754-6459, Dale Ostrander at 202-546-4536 or 202-737-1608, or Barbara Gerlach at 202-285-7975 (except on Christmas Day when she is traveling.)

## Coffee Hour Hosts

December 23	Carolyn Marsh	John Marsh	Dan Thayer	C.J. Thayer
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## Sound

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## Ushers

December 23	Chris Byrne	David Greer
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## Calendar

### Sunday, December 23

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*  
Dwight Davis preaching
- 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Narthex*

### Monday, December 24

- 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

### Tuesday, December 25

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

### Thursday, December 27

Church Office Closed

### Friday, December 28

Church Office Closed

### Sunday, December 30

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*  
Andrew Hamilton preaching
- 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Narthex*

## Prayer List

Garnell Yarbrough

Peter Parsons, recovering from surgery.

Moira Jones and family on the death of Moira's brother.

Peter Byrne, recovering from surgery.

Don Bassler, recovering from surgery.

Jennie Hunt

Rev. Dr. Ron Hopson, recovering from surgery.

Marlene Ross

Alexis Joy Hayes • Pat Ashbrook • Ruth Shinn

First Church Staff