



# Resurrection Review

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## Calendar of Events

**Thursday, December 1**

**No Yoga Class**

**Sunday, December 4**

**SUNDAY MARKET**

8:00 am           Worship

10:00 am          Worship

**Tuesday, December 6**

11:00 am          Fiber Arts

**Thursday, December 8**

4:40 pm Intro to Yoga Align

5:30 pm          Yoga Align 2

**Sunday, December 11**

8:00 am           Worship

10:00 am          Worship

3:00 pm          Blue Christmas

**Tuesday, December 13**

11:00 am          Fiber Arts

*Second Day of  
Advent*

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Advent friends,

Several different items and directions all going on at the same time in my heart and soul this morning.

First, this is the Tuesday after what has come to be known as “Black Friday.” Many people call this “**Giving Tuesday**”, a lovely counterpoint to the idea that we can somehow buy our way into Christmas happiness. Yesterday I met with our (fantastic) treasurer Chuck Schmitz who first offered this good news: we are 40% of the way towards our needed budget for next year. Then he told me the bad news. *We are 60% of the way towards our annual needed budget for next year.*

Chuck mentioned that about 1/3 of our congregation has yet to pledge. If you are a “committed non-pledger” (meaning you prefer to be generous during the year, but not fill out a pledge card), that is absolutely fine, and your choice. The only difficulty is that it makes it hard for the Vestry to know how and when to move ahead on their several priorities for the coming year, such as: the much needed outside paint job on the church; needed repairs on the cracks of the asphalt in the parking lot; buying a much needed defibrillator long overdue for the back of the church, and finally, completing the equipping of our parish hall with a media system which would make it more useable for us and for other groups we would like to soon welcome to our space.

So, this all being said, if you haven’t already pledged, let us know one way or another what your preference might be. And of course, this being the time when many people do their end of year tax-planning, your thoughtful end-of-year surprise gifts would be most welcome.

Here are the two other things on my mind. Tomorrow evening we will gather for some Advent prayers and food, and conversations. This is the season specifically set aside for building the practice of hope in the darkest time of the year. Come join us at 6 in the Parish Hall. You will find us a hope-born people.

Speaking of hope, our tree of hope is now standing in full splendor at the back of church. Many white tags hang with lists of basic gifts needed for the children of our less fortunate neighbors. This would be another perfect way to celebrate the spirit of **Giving Tuesday**. Many thanks to Cathy Yajko for keeping us organized and connected!

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Finally, we are still looking for the right person who will be lip-sinking Elvis's version of "Blue Christmas" sometime during the afternoon prayer service or celebration after on Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. For the festivities afterwards any of your Christmas baking (minus peanuts) (gluten free options also welcomed) would be mightily welcomed!

Blessings, Rev. Linda

### Tree of Sharing

Last year our family at Resurrection came together to provide Christmas to three families (from local schools) in need. On November 27<sup>th</sup> we will continue this tradition. So for anyone in a position to do so, please take a ornament from the tree in the Parish Hall, which has a child's age and gift wish written on the back. Tags and gifts need to be returned to the church no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>, in order to leave time for delivery. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Yajko.



*The next Vestry Meeting will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.*

### Send Some Love to a Stranger

A friend of Linda's has reached out to our church for a favor. One of her family members is having an emotionally hard season and needs a little pick-me-up. She is asking for your help to fill her mailbox with love. So when you begin addressing your Christmas cards, please try to leave one extra available to send to the following address, it would mean the world to her.

Theresa Marshall  
552 N. Buena Vista St  
Hemet CA 92543



### Blue Christmas

Unfortunately the holidays are not a happy time for everyone. For those whom the holidays are not joyful, for those who are lonely, in mourning, feeling alienated, and cast apart from family celebrations, or those feeling depression or sadness we hope that our Blue Christmas service provides you with a place of comfort and hope. So please join us for our Blue Christmas worship service on December 11, 2016 at 3:00 pm, with cookie & coffee service to follow.

### Sunday Market

Put December 4th on your calendars for more fun! **If you would like to donate any homemade treats for this event, donations will be welcomes.** Thank you for your generous donations and for your purchases, you are wonderful. ~Lynn and Pam



### Order Your Poinsettias Today

We are now taking orders for holiday poinsettias. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Parish Hall. Poinsettias will be \$10 each.

Please make sure to put your name and a dedication as you would like it printed on the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day inserts. If you put your check in the offering plate, please make sure to add "Poinsettia" in the memo field. If you are paying with cash, please make sure to write "Poinsettia" the envelope.

## “Advent Light”

All over the U.S. those who found themselves on opposite sides of the political divide are now wondering how we can sit across the table and "talk turkey." Use Advent as an opportunity to de-escalate and renew our bonds as we practice listening with compassion. Come join a guided time of prayer and discussion as we invite the light of Christ into all of our perspectives. If you have articles you would like to share with the group please bring them. **Prayer and Potluck starts Wed., Nov. 30th at 6 in the Parish Hall.** We will continue Dec. 7th, and a festive gathering on Wed. Dec. 21st. On Dec. 14 we will be supporting Plaid Christmas for Hearth Homes.



## Hearth Homes Presents

Come join Hearth Homes on December 14th for an evening of Wine, Hors D'Oeuvres, a Silent Auction, and a special presentation of Plaid Tidings at the Spokane Civic Theater (1020 N Howard St.) Doors open at 6:00pm and the play begins at 7:30. All proceeds go towards housing homeless women and their children. Tickets may be purchased at [www.hearth-homes.org/events](http://www.hearth-homes.org/events) or Call 509-926-6492 (or talk to Jerry & Nola Combs)

## House of Charity

I have spent the last several days helping the House of Charity deal with the Norovirus outbreak. The staff and volunteers have done a marvelous job of caring for the ill, as well as controlling the outbreak. The staff and volunteers have treated every person with concern, respect, and dignity. However this effort has cost a great deal - approximately \$30,000.00. In this season of Thanksgiving please consider giving something - any amount helps- to Catholic Charities earmarked for the House of Charity. <https://www.catholiccharitiesspokane.org/donate-now>

~Carol Allen



## Assisting with Worship December 4

### SubDeacon:

8am: John Sahr  
10am: Linda Bordwell

**LEM:** 8am: Scott Oakshott  
10am: Jeremy Armstrong

### Lectors:

8am: Barb Wunderlich  
10am: Richard Chan

**Acolytes:** Collin Armstrong

**Altar Guild:** Lucia Hubbard  
Sharon Morrison

**Ushers:** Ralph Schmidt  
Jerry Combs

**Counters:** Tim Lape  
Dave & Ann Newton

## Cleaners Schedule

### Dec 1—Dec 15

A Martha Sherwin  
Roger Barenz

B Scott Oakshott  
Dave Newton

### Dec 16—Dec 31

A Catherine Yajko  
Kelly Heck

B Jeremy Armstrong  
Dave Newton



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### Lessons for December 4

**FIRST LESSON:** (Isaiah 11:1-10) The prophet foresees a time when God will bring forth a righteous judge and a new spirit of peace in the world.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19) The psalm asks that God endow the king with compassionate justice and righteousness, and that his reign may extend over all nations and throughout all generations.

**SECOND LESSON:** (Romans 15:4-13) Paul points to several passages from the Jewish scriptures to show how God's promise that the Gentile peoples should come to praise him was being fulfilled.

**GOSPEL:** (Matthew 3:1-12) The ministry of John the Baptist, his message of repentance and his prophecy of the might one to come.



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