

Operation Nightwatch

Sock It to Homelessness Open House

Sunday, December 3, 12:30 to 2:00 pm
Shelter Dispatch Center [302 14th Ave S. Seattle](#)
Drop off the new men's socks you collected, enjoy coffee, cocoa, snacks and take a tour of Nightwatch. Kid-friendly event.

Hanging of the Greens

December 2

12:00-5:00 in the Sanctuary

- ◆ Snacks provided

Beth Valbuena invites all to help decorate the church with the spirit of Advent. Stop by for a bit, and get Ronald in the holiday spirit.

United Women in Faith, Martha's Circle Dec 6 at 11:00

~ Sandra Reynolds



Instead of our usual meeting, we are going on a **field trip to Swanson's nursery in Ballard**. We will tour the Christmas plants and decorations. The last time we made this trip. We saw reindeer AND a camel. We will have lunch and fellowship.

Everyone is invited to **meet in the chapel at 11:00 to form carpools**.

Caring Crafts

Dec 9 from 10:00—4:00

Gathering Room

Everyone who loves doing handiwork in cheerful company is invited to bring their current project, and a lunch. Hang out for a bit or the whole day. Folks have worked on knitting, mending, crocheting, scrapbooking, card-making... Please call Trina McCarrell to reserve your space — we do tend to spread out a lot.

Sunday December 10th, 2023

Blankets & Coats



December 10

Bring new or gently used coats to the worship service this Sunday. We will donate what you bring to help warm our neighbors before Christmas.

Campus **Dec. 8** Downstairs at the Ronald United Methodist Church

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY!

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

- Pizza
- Raffle
- Live theatre performance of "Christmas Carol"!

Friday, December 8

Off-Road Shakespeare presents Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol"
Hosted by: RUMC, Ronald Commons & Shorenorth
6:30 pizza | 7:30 performance

Our play will be a playful, whimsical, festive, and haunting romp. Appropriate for all ages, under an hour long, written for 5 actors, with live music, and staged simply and theatrically in the round (with chairs and audience on all sides). We perform for free for all audiences.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

This particular Advent season is interesting because our fourth day of advent falls on Christmas Eve day. That means it will have a Sunday am service as well as our Christmas Eve services on the same day!

It will be busy but worth it!

During Sunday morning, the kids will complete the Advent Christmas ornaments we will be constructing all December long. We will sing robust Christmas songs, and proclaim our Lord lives among us!

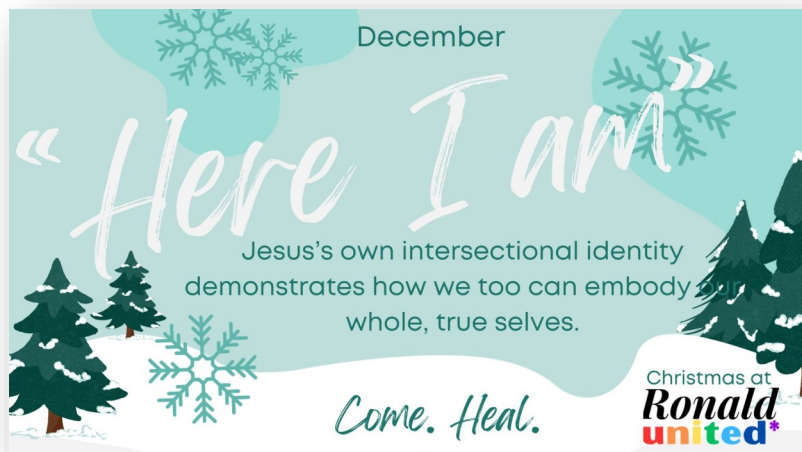
Sunday night, we will have a special story time with the kids, we will enjoy some traditional readings, and enjoy our candle light silent night singing!

Jurisdiction United Women in Faith Quadrennial Event

May 9-11, 2024 | Anchorage, Alaska

Registration is now open! Please register at wjumw.com, where you will find detailed information on the hotel, Alaska Airlines discounts, schedules, and workshop opportunities. Hotel Captain Cook offers the option of adding three additional days before or after our gathering if you'd like to extend your stay and see more of Alaska.

We're excited about this chance to "Get Together" — pre-events start May 8, 2024. Our theme, "Get Together," is centered in John 13:34, and all the jurisdictions share it. The central purpose of this event is to elect women who will represent our jurisdiction as National Board of Director members. In addition, we will worship, celebrate, share, serve, learn, sing, pray and connect.



Sunday School

~ Sandra Reynolds

Lessons for Advent and Christmas are available. These lessons include a number of extras for the children to do if they wish.

Another set of lessons will be ready in the new year.



Kids check in with Pastor Kate

Monday nights at 5:00pm

I am passionate about helping our kids build relationships with their faith community, and developing their sense of ownership and facilitating discipleship, for very young hearts! Join Kid's Check-in here: greaternw.zoom.us/j/91487734446

Advent Donations for Hopelink

- December 3: bars of soap
- December 10: feminine hygiene
- December 17: paper towels
- December 24: toilet paper

Hopelink Notes

~ Darol Reynolds



If you have Christmas decorations that you no longer use, bring them to church so we can share them with our clients.

The nonfood items that everyone is bringing during Advent will be received with great joy by our neighbors.

If you are being inundated with unsolicited items such as note pads, calendars, and greeting cards sent by organizations seeking donations, don't despair. Our clients are always thrilled to get these extra items

Volunteer:

We are still experiencing a shortage of volunteers. You can go online to the Hopelink web site to sign up.

www.hopelink.org/take-action/volunteer/

Pastor Kate's office day is Thursday. Schedule an appointment or pop in! pastor@ronaldumc.org

Beers & Beliefs

Most Thursday nights

Details are posted in the group Facebook Page. This group is open to people who want to be with other believers while sharing fun life adventures together.

For more information contact Pastor Kate at pastor@ronaldumc.org to get you connected. :)





Christmas Poinsettias dedications

Every year, we decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias in anticipation of Christmas, and to remember, honor, and celebrate our loved ones.

Beth Valbuena will purchase the poinsettias and create a beautiful display for the 3rd Sunday of Advent through Christmas Eve Sunday.

You can help decorate the Sanctuary December 16 at 2:15.

Donations: Send in your donations & dedications by Dec 14.

- ◆ Make your donation of \$10/poinsettia to RUMC (note “**Christmas Flower**”)
- ◆ How many plants are you buying? _____

Dedication information

Who is making the dedication: _____

- ◇ In memory: _____
- ◇ To honor: _____
- ◇ To celebrate: _____

Dedications will be printed for Christmas Eve, and the *Ronald Review*.

- ◆ *Take your plants home on Sunday, Dec 24 after the 7pm service.*

Michael Brunson:

- ◆ In honor of Baptist Pastor Orval B Taylor, who baptized me into the Christian faith at the age of 11 in 1960.
- ◆ In memory of my parents, Perry Pelham Brunson 1909-1986 the printer, and Hertha Edna Brunson 1914-2008 farmgirl and millhand, later a victim of guardianship.
- ◆ In memory of my maternal grandparents, Edward & Olga, German peasants from Russia.
- ◆ In memory of my paternal grandparents, Wallace Brunson 1874-1963 & Vera Thompson VanBuskirk Brunson.
- ◆ In memory of my great grandfather, Michael Brunson aka Bronson 1839-1917 who served in the Civil War to free the slaves.
- ◆ In memory of grandpa Wallace’s sister, my great aunt Mabel Bronson Hamre.
- ◆ In memory of grandma Olga’s younger sister, my great aunt Natalya Limert Huber.
- ◆ In memory of my mother’s 4 siblings: Clara, Herbert, Harold, and Frieda.
- ◆ In memory of my father’s 2 step-brothers: Allen VanBuskirk and Warren VanBuskirk.
- ◆ In memory of my cousins: Chris VanBuskirk, Richard Hammermaster and Gene Hammermaster.
- ◆ In memory of Bill Coleman who introduced my dad, Perry, to my mom, Hertha, at the Puyallup train depot in 1942.

Christmas Cards, a gift of love

One of our traditions at Ronald is for members to make a donation to the church instead of mailing cards to members of our church family.

We have a big poster-sized card in the narthex where folks making donations can sign their names.

Make your donation on Sunday mornings, or mail it in. Be sure to note “**Christmas Card**”. Submit donations **by December 17**, so we can donate to Riverton Park before Christmas

This year’s donations support Riverton Park UMC

rivertonparkumc.com/migrant-arrival-support

“Jan Bolerjack is a pastor at the Riverton Park United Methodist Church in Tukwila, where roughly 180 to 200 migrants are currently taking shelter. She said there’s a lack of regional infrastructure to help asylum-seekers like them.” (Gustavo Sagrero Alvarez, KUOW Oct 10, 2023)

- ◆ In memory of my honorary aunt Laura Taft Hedlund (good friend of my mom) & my honorary uncle Art Hedlund.
- ◆ In memory of my honorary aunt Marguerite Shell Hicks (good friend of my mom) & my honorary uncle Harvey Hicks.
- ◆ In memory of my mother’s best friend from their early adult years, Grace Ross Davis.
- ◆ In memory of my mother’s best friend from their decades as suburban neighbors, Irene Smith.
- ◆ In memory of the friend who visited my mom most often during my mom’s last weeks of living in her own home in 2006, Yvonne Benedict.
- ◆ In memory of Janeen Cook, Milton Karr M.S.W., Ivan King, United Methodist Pastor George & Penny Poor, and many other friends and neighbors who wrote letters to guardianship court asking freedom for Hertha.
- ◆ In memory of Ronald UMC member LaNita Wacker (1941-2022) who in 1999 was Hertha’s most militant advocate against the guardian, and his attempts to force her back into a nursing home.
- ◆ In memory of Jeanne Monger (1948-2023) who, with her husband, Larry Monger gave Hertha rides to local political meetings, even after Hertha was deprived of her right to vote by order of the guardianship court.
- ◆ In memory of Joan Schultz and others from Rock of Hope who visited Hertha in the facility where Hertha was held captive unto death.
- ◆ In memory of Julia Berg Thompson (1946-2015).
- ◆ In memory of my honorary cousin Drew Hicks (1949-2023).

You are invited to worship every Sunday at 10:45.
Join us in the Sanctuary, from your computer, or by phone.

Worship in-person:

All are welcome to worship with us in person. You can wear a mask if that helps you feel more comfortable, but they are no longer required.

We do ask you to stay home if you have any symptoms of illness.

Worship from home:

Zoom: Each week, the link is the same.
greater-nw.zoom.us/j/867526399

YouTube: You can watch us live on YouTube, or if you miss us live, catch the recording on our YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/@RonaldUMC>

Keep track of what's happening at RUMC!

- ◆ Go to our website, ronaldumc.org
- ◆ And click on the word "[calendar](#)"

Follow our Facebook page for updates as well.
<https://www.facebook.com/RonaldUnitedMethodist/>

Listen in on your phone:

Listen in on any phone by dialing one of these numbers:

669-900-6833 | 253-215 8782 |
346-248-7799 | 646-876-9923.

When prompted, enter meeting ID: 867-526-399

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**TIME VALUE-DATED MATERIAL
Return Service Requested**

Ronald Commons Café
Thursdays from 5:30-6:30
Free, delicious,
high-quality dinners to-go

Sign up to volunteer!
signup.com/go/XBZkOzO



Follow us at facebook.com/RonaldCommonsCafe.

December 7

- Chicken (or vegetable) chow mein
- Cucumber salad
- Fortune cookies

December 14

- Roast beef with gravy
- Quinoa spinach balls in sauce
- Roasted potatoes & squash
- Salad
- dessert

December 21

- Cranberry chicken (or black bean patty)
- Broccoli
- dessert

Our volunteer chefs take a well-earned two-week break at the end of the year.
[no dinners Dec 28 and Jan 4]

We are so grateful for their service, and everyone (churches & YMCA) who work together to make Ronald Commons Café possible.

Starting January 12, we are opening our dining room for sit down meals.

We will need more volunteers to make it happen! Sign up at signup.com/go/XBZkOzO