

Living Interfaith Church

Monthly Newsletter

**There can be no greater purpose than to love.
There can be no greater meaning than to help a
neighbor in need.**

**If we would seek purpose and mean in our lives,
may we lovingly help our neighbor.**

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January Calendar

January 13th — Service: 10:30
“MLK Day: The Work of Embracing
Our Common Humanity”

January 27th — Service 10:30
“A Path to Interfaith”

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Interfaith Q & A

If you have an Interfaith question of general interest, e-mail us your question at Livinginterfaith@frontier.com.

“New Years in a Time of Turmoil”

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February Calendar

February 10th — Service: 10:30
“The Joys and Challenges of
Missionary Work”

February 24th — Service: 10:30
“Celebrating the Chinese New Year”

It's **COLD** Out There!

We are in the middle of winter. It's not as cold here as other parts of the country, but it's still cold ... particularly at night, and most particularly if you are homeless.

A reminder that during the winter months we collect items for our local Cold Weather Shelter. What might you donate? Knit caps, gloves, sox, and scarves are always high on the list. Blankets and jackets, of course, are always welcome.

Through January, we'll have a box for cold weather donations. And if your donation doesn't fit in the box, there's plenty of room around the box.

Let's remember our brothers and sisters in need.

January Services

January 13th “MLK Day—The Work of Embracing Our Common Humanity” - Rev. Ken Curl of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Baptist church will lead us in exploring how we might honor Dr. King’s legacy.

January 27th “A Path to Interfaith” - Rebecca Alder will share the personal experiences that have brought her to the path of Interfaith and what that means to her.

Living Interfaith At Work in the Community

We Collect Not Only for the Cold Weather Shelter But Also the Food Bank Every Service

A friendly reminder that we have boxes at the back of the sanctuary at every service. We hope to fill them with food for our local Food Bank. We seek non-perishable food. After every service the food we have collected is taken to the Lynnwood Food Bank for distribution to those who need our help.

Let us remember that many too many of our brothers and sisters simply don’t have enough money for food. And for readers of our newsletter who don’t live in the area, please remember your local food bank.

We also collect pet food as well, as families that find themselves without enough food for their own tables probably don’t have enough for their pets. None of us can know when we might suddenly be out of a job ... or a family emergency may arise.

Burrito Rolls Continue!

Saturday, January 20th! The roll will take place at first Baptist Church at 1:45 PM and generally lasts 1 1/2 hours.

Not into rolling, or have something to do on Saturday? The fixings for the burritos will be prepared on **Thursday, January 18th and Friday January 19th**. And help is also needed in distributing the burritos after the roll.

We roll burritos for the hungry every month. Join us!

For further information, or to sign up and get on the e-mail list, please contact our own Rebecca Alder at:

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Interfaith Q & A/Musings

“New Years in a Time of Turmoil”

It's New Year—2018. And as we flip the page of our calendar, or perhaps file the 2017 datebook/appointment book and start with the gloriously empty 2018 book, may we be reminded of what all our spiritual paths have sought to teach us. Each year can be a new beginning.

We all make a special day to celebrate the New Year. There's the Muslim New Year, the Jewish New Year, the Chinese New Year—all at different times. And the Christian New Year, now accepted by the world as THE New Year, was “borrowed” from the Romans.

Since we're using the Roman New Year, it might be fun, or at least a smidge humbling, to recall that the only reason we celebrate the New Year in the middle of winter instead of the spring is that Rome was losing a war in 154 BCE. According to Roman law, the new Consul (general) couldn't take command until the new year. So the Senate voted to move the “new year” from March to January.

But whenever we celebrate the new year, what all of our spiritual paths are reminding us is that it is time to lovingly turn that page.

If the past year was glorious, it's time to remember that this is a new year. In all humility, we need to turn the page and renew our efforts. By all means, let us be grateful for our accomplishments. But that was last year. What might we do *this* year?

And if the past year was challenging, or even tragic, it is time to remember that this is a new year. Let us draw a breath, and while we remember our past, and perhaps honor it, our spiritual paths remind us not to be encumbered by it.

These days in particular, for many of us it is a time of turmoil. The year ahead may well be a challenging one. But let us face the year fearlessly and with joy. May we greet the new year embracing our friends ... including friends we have not yet met. May we never forget our civility, or that we are one human family ... even if from time to time we may strongly, even deeply disagree with a brother or a sister, still we are one family.

Happy
New
Year!

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Our church expenses are not huge, but we do have them. We are in the midst of an ambitious year, but with your help we will remain in an excellent position to accomplish our goals.

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