

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

December 11, 2016  
11:00 am



### Third Sunday of Advent



#### Sermon:

"Peace Garden"  
Rev. Gary Dalton

#### Scripture:

James 3:13-18

**Deacons:** \*David Hendon, Diane Mundell, Joe Zhu, Larry Johnson, Michelle Proffitt, Peter Ohlms

**Nursery Workers:** Judy Gough, Donna Marshall, Debra Bryant

**Children's Church:** Sarah Buchanan, Audrey Miller

**Ushers for December:** Shirley Clark, Martha Wood, Jack Wilkerson, Joyce Martin

**Greeters:** Betty Barker, Brad Groff

**Medical On-call:** Lynne Gardner



For a complete schedule of worship and fellowship opportunities during Advent, see the Nov. 21 issue of *The Word*, or go to the [UBC website](http://www.ubc.org).

**Wednesday, December 7  
6:15 pm**

### Children's Department

The **Preschool/Children's Christmas Shop**

will open at 6:15 pm for children to purchase gifts for members of their family. All items are priced at 50¢, and proceeds go to Global Missions.



## Church-wide Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 pm



5:00 pm Chili Supper  
(reservations needed)

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
Saturday, December 24, 5:00 pm**



# The Word

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## Christmas Pageant

Presented by Children and Youth

Sunday, December 11, 11:00 am



### A Bridge Across

*We'll take our time as we need and want, we'll linger only to see what we can see, then we'll move along to the other end of the Bridge, to meet whomever the next Senior Minister should be.*

During the four days Karen and I were in New York City over Thanksgiving, we shared the Uber experience for our first time. Here's how it went the first night: Karen and I request American for dinner. Emily, Thomas, and Thomas's girlfriend, Kei, pull out their smart phones and i.d. restaurants instantly, but the restaurant of our choice is too many long, city blocks away for Karen and me to walk.

Emily's thumbs flash over her phone's keypad again. She reports, Joe Schmoe can pick us up in his Toyota Highlander in three minutes...says he can carry five...that o.k.? With a tip of the hat to their elders, the three look to Karen and me. Uh, yeah, sure, I guess. Emily's thumbs be-bop the keypad again. O.K., get your coats, we gotta go. We step outside Em's apartment. There at the curb sits idling a gleaming, late-model Toyota Highlander. I kid you not. Out jumps Joe to help us rearrange the back seating to accommodate Karen, Em, Thomas, and Kei, and I ride shotgun.

Four times over the next four days, with a quick play over their smart phone keypads, our kids will conjure up a late-model, shiny SUV, driven by a polite man who already knows where we are headed. It was amazing! It was *über!* (from the German, meaning 'superlative'). This Uber-experience, so astonishing to Karen and me, was one, tiny bit of how our young adult children experience reality.

We oldsters can barely grasp young adults' perception of the world, except

perhaps by looking backwards. We once shared new understandings of how the world works by way of a three-channel VHF black and white television (and, later, there came a fourth channel: UHF, oooooo!).

Technology (i.e., tools for manipulating resources and producing results) evolves so much more quickly, now. Our children in their second, third, and fourth decades of life adopt the new with an ease which unsettles us who are older. But—and this is important to get—the gadgets aren't the thing that set our children apart from us; these devices are mere tokens of their underlying, inner map of the world.

Theirs is now a world where what appears instantaneously on a palm-sized T.V. screen can, with nearly equal rapidity, appear at their doorsteps. *Immediacy of experience*, an almost at-will call and response between intangible and tangible. This is our children's effective daily way of life.

God will use these good people who follow one, two, and three generations behind us as they make their ways in our wake. God will continue unfolding the Divine glory among the nations through them, but how exactly God will do that, we older folks cannot pretend to know.

What we do know is the wisdom we have garnered from our longer life-experience in God. We know how to traverse the "threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength... fourscore years" (Ps. 90:10), to make a worthy life. We can hold lightly with open hands the ways of being and doing church, telling our children what worked well, what didn't work so well, and allow them to choose as God's Spirit guides them. We challenge ourselves to trust that God is at work in them as God led us, too, back when black and white Zeniths were all the rage.

Your Senior Minister in the Interim,  
~ Gary

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### CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



### Concerns

Mary Ella McCauley — MJH

### Thank You

We would like to express thanks to our church family for their prayers, cards, PrayerGrams, and calls during Ron's recent surgery and recovery. We could feel the love and support. Thank you so much. You made a difference!

— Ron & Lynda Tweel

### Christmas Dinner in a Bag

Due Sunday, December 18.

- 1 box stove-top stuffing mix
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 jar gravy
- 1 large can sweet potatoes
- 1 large can green beans
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 box pie crust mix
- 1 can pie filling



The WMU will provide a \$10 Food Lion gift card for a turkey or ham.

Put all items in a paper or reusable fabric grocery bag and place them on the Fellowship Hall stage. The recipients will pick up the bags at Love INC.

If you can't do the shopping, we welcome donations for the gift cards. Make checks payable to UBC and earmark them for "Christmas Dinner in a Bag."

*Pray for families who will be receiving a "Christmas Dinner in a Bag" through Love INC.*

### CBF Global Missions

During the month of December, we are collecting money for the CBF Global Missions Fund. Our goal is \$3,000.

### Fifth Annual Holiday Lights Bus Tour Friday, December 16 5:30 and 6:15 pm

Sign up online at [goo.gl/sn6Hn2](http://goo.gl/sn6Hn2) or contact Will Brown.



### Global Missions Post Office

This is a way for you to exchange greetings with UBC members and support Global Missions. The Post Office is located in the First Floor Lobby. See the November 21 issue of The Word for details, or go to the [UBC website](http://www.ubc.org).



The total number of pledge cards received to date is **76**, representing a pledged amount of **\$370,964**. You can still send a pledge card to the church office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday.

*"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21*

### A Quiet Place to Study

Volunteers will be hosting students in Fellowship Hall December 7-15 from 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm each day as they prepare for exams. If you can be there for a couple of hours or prepare snacks and goodies for the students, check the sign-up board or contact Rachel Miller.

### Wednesday, December 14

5:00 pm Supper: Chili

6:00 pm Church-wide Caroling

### WEDNESDAY, December 7

- 1:00 AQPTS\*
- 5:00 Supper (Spaghetti)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Children's Christmas Night
- 6:15 Bible Study — Gary Dalton
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, December 8

- 9:30 Parent's Morning Out
- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group
- 1:00 AQPTS\*

### FRIDAY, December 9

- 1:00 AQPTS\*

### SATURDAY, December 10

- 1:00 AQPTS\*

### SUNDAY, December 11

- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:00 Senior Minister Search Comm.
- 1:00 AQPTS\*
- 6:00 Real Life

### MONDAY, December 12

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood
- 1:00 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 AQPTS\*
- 6:00 Deacons' Christmas Party

### TUESDAY, December 13

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 12:00 Annie Armstrong Circle Mtg.
- 1:00 AQPTS\*

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\* A Quiet Place To Study

**Sunday Bible Study classes  
will not meet  
Sunday, December 25, 2016  
Sunday, January 1, 2017**

