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**Event Calendar:**

**Dec 1** - Advent decorating  
**Dec 2** - Tasting party and Tea Cup sale after worship  
**Dec 4** - Elder's meeting at 1:30pm  
**Dec 9** - Second Sunday Series @ 2pm  
**Dec 15** - Men's breakfast at 8am  
**Dec 16** - Congregation meeting after worship  
**Dec 24** - Church offices close at noon  
**Dec 25/26** - Church offices are closed

\*Every Tuesday at 3:45pm -After School Arts Class is held (it will not held on Dec 25th)  
 \*Citizenship class at 6pm will be held on Tuesday, Dec 4 & 6 only. Classes will resume again in January.  
 \*Every Wednesday at 11am Bible Study is held, and at 7pm Choir practice is held (neither will be held on Dec 26)

**Pastor's Column**

Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, is a time for waiting. Waiting is never easy. And waiting for Christmas seems especially difficult in this day and age when Halloween decorations are taken down and replaced with Christmas decorations. But perhaps we can listen to our impatience and learn from it. Perhaps our impatience speaks to the longing of our own hearts and even our world for the ideals that Christmas represents; for hope, peace, joy and love. Sometimes waiting is purposeful. Sometimes waiting gives us time to prepare, to get ready. So this Advent, whenever you feel yourself impatient for all that Christmas brings; cherished time with family, the joy of giving, the special holiness of the Christmas Eve service filled with candlelight and song, take a moment to reflect on how you are preparing your heart and spirit for these things right now, in this moment.

Seasons Blessings  
Pastor Kerry



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**Worship & News**

December 2018

**Get To Know Your Neighbor**

In the spotlight of "Get To Know Your Neighbor" for December is **Steve Best**. Steve was born and raised in Ellensburg with an older sister. He attended school there before attending college at Eastern.

answered prayer which restored his faith and belief. He and Sara are now married with two children, Leila and Suzie.



Steve Best

The first time he met Sara was just out of high school. Sara was good friends with his best friend's finance'. It was almost 12 years before he would see her again. He married someone else and had two children, Caitlin and Chloe who reside on the westside. His marriage unfortunately turned to divorce. He lost is faith in relationships and considered himself an athiest. He made a list of 5 things that he felt he wouldn't be able to find in a woman. As fate would have it, Sara messaged him out of the blue that very day. To Steve, that was an

I asked Steve what prompted him to pursue ministry and his reply was that he worked as a plumber for 11 years and with his answered prayers and the gain of his faith that brought Sara to him, he asked God to guide him after what he felt was 35 years of wasted time. His answer was ministry.

Steve gives sermons here at ECC and is working on finishing his four year degree with plans to begin seminary within another year.

When asked his favorite thing about ECC he says it's the loving nature of all of the congregation. It's one big family.

For hobbies, he likes watching football and listening to sermons. He's also involved with the Regional Mission Council and Youth Program.

The one thing most may not know about Steve ... he absolutely loves Hallmark Christmas movies.

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Thank you Steve for taking time to meet with me and share your history. Kudos to you for gaining your faith and following your heart!

By Jo Spencer

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### Tea Cup Sale on December 2nd at ECC



The Yakima Music Club, which was organized in 1898, recently disbanded. The club presented a concert each month and a tea reception after each concert using elegant silver service and china tea cups and saucers. The club is selling those items. They will be

available to purchase after worship on December 2nd during the first event tasting party in Fellowship Hall. There will be cups priced at \$5 and \$10. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Yakima Youth

Symphony Orchestra and to YAMA (Yakima Music en Accion). Please pay with cash, or checks can be made to ECC for payment to then be submitted equally to the two groups.

### Decorators Needed at ECC

Help is needed on Saturday, December 1st between 9am and noon to deck the halls so to speak.

We will be putting up the decorations for Advent which begins on December 2nd. There will be a huge Christmas tree put up in

Fellowship Hall to decorate as well.

All are welcome to come join in on the festivities. The more the merrier!



“Deck the halls”.....

### Thank you!

It is with glad and generous hearts that we thank each of you for your generosity in sharing your time, talent, and treasure. In response to our stewardship emphasis we received over \$100,000 thus far in pledges for the coming year. Pledges help us formulate the budget, which will be presented to the congregation along with the slate of nominees at a congregational meeting on Dec. 16 following worship.

*Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. Acts 2:46-47*



### Tasting Party

There will be a Tasting party at ECC after worship on December 2nd. Please be sure to bring your favorite holiday goodie dish or dessert to share.



### Men's Breakfast

The Men's breakfast will be held at ECC on Saturday, December 15th at 8am in Fellowship Hall.



Please be sure to stop by for great food and conversation.

### Candlelight Vigil held at ECC

On November 1st, the Yakima Association of Faith Communities (YAFC) held a candlelight vigil for the Tree of Life victims and in solidarity with our local Jewish community here

at ECC. It was wonderful to see the community support.

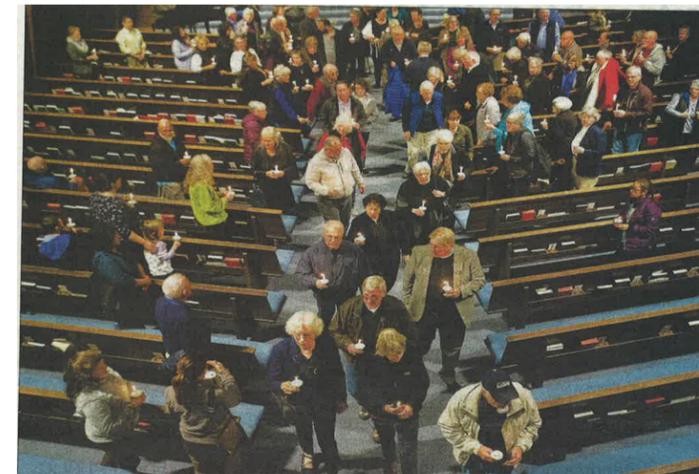


Photo (above) Attendees of the Candlelight Vigil on November 1st. Photo posted in The Yakima Herald Republic

