Thursday 24 December

Christmas Eve

5pm – candlelight service with *Jazz on High*

8pm – candlelight service with *Chancel Choir*

Join in a spirit-filled evening of favorite hymns, anthems, and scripture, with traditional lighting of the Christmas candles, and a Christmas message from the Reverend David Pattee, pastor. Both services are in the sanctuary.

Christmas Eve Offering

100% of the Christmas Eve offering will be directed to relief and support of people in need: 50% to *Monarch Services* (www.monarchscc.org) which provides temporary housing for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking; and 50% to *Church World Service* (www.cwsglobal.org) a faith-based NGO and long-time UCC partner, providing disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development programs around the world.

Thursday 31 December – 4pm
New Year's Eve Kaleidophone!

A feast of music for pipe organ, solo performances and in ensemble with other instruments, featuring local organists and their musical friends. Followed by a chocolate and champagne reception.

Free will donations invited for the PUCC Aeolian-Skinner organ maintenance fund.

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2026 Advent and Christmas

Sunday Mornings
10:30am – worship in the Sanctuary

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ADVENT SUNDAY MORNINGS

November 29
First Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Hope

10:30am worship
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Mark 13:24-37
JAZZ ON HIGH • sermon by Pastor Dave:
Poetry of the Possible

December 6
Second Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Peace

10:30am Holy Communion
Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8
JAZZ ON HIGH • meditation by Pastor Dave
Planing the Rough Places

December 13
Third Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Love

10:30am worship
Is 61:1-4, 8-11 John 1:6-8, 19-28
CHANCEL CHOIR • sermon by Pastor Dave
Rejoice in the Lord, Always

December 20
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Joy

10:30am worship
2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 Luke 1:46b-55
CHANCEL CHOIR • sermon by Pastor Dave
Making A Place

The Christmas Project

Our church partners with the Center for Farmworker Families to provide Christmas gifts for farm laborer families in Santa Cruz County. The holiday season is especially challenging for these families as agricultural activity is on a pause and their finances are strained.

Church members will be on hand after worship with sign-up sheets and details for gifts of approximately $50 value. Gifts should be donated UNWRAPPED, in a bag or box, brought to the church no later than Friday, December 4. For more information contact Tony, pastmoderator@peaceunited.org.

Saturday 19 December
10am to 7pm
Contemplative Sabbath

In this season that can bring so many demands and so much noise, come retreat into quiet spirituality and contemplation here on our beautiful church campus, with disciplines of prayer and lots of open time for refreshment and renewal, paying attention to your soul and, if you need to, letting some things go.

Lunch and dinner are included. Register or inquire by e-mail: lanakilaiesu@yahoo.com

Saturday 12 December – 2pm
Watsonville Community Band

A band concert of holiday favorites in our sanctuary. No charge for admission.

Sunday 13 December – Noon
Second Sunday Student Lunch

In the "Upper Room" with Pastor Dave, a monthly fellowship gathering for college students, graduate students and recent grads.

Tuesday 15 December – 7pm
Sing-along *Messiah*

Join in the chorus singing Handel's *Messiah* with our much-admired Chancel Choir and chamber orchestra, under the direction of Cheryl Anderson. This is a fundraising event supporting the church's ministries in the arts. You may purchase tickets in advance at www.PeaceUnited.org, $35 general, $30 for seniors and students, or at the door on December 15, beginning at 6:20pm.

Purchase tickets here:

Wednesday 16 December – 4pm
Caroling Party

Fun for the whole family with spiced cider, seasonal treats, and singing led by Ingrid Parker & Luke Shepherd. Start early in our Fellowship Hall, continue as you are able with caroling at the homes of some of our older members and friends.