

TODAY: UGLY SWEATER SUNDAY

Children's Ministry is enjoying this tradition this morning. Congratulate the kids on how stunning they look. Our young families have had quite a year so cheer them on any chance you get.

WATCH FOR THE LIGHT—AN ADVENT PRAYER JOURNEY

Tonight @ 7pm

Join us for Watch For the Light, an Advent prayer journey to re-calibrate our hearts in preparation for the celebration of Christmas on Facebook, YouTube or newharvestch.org/live.

CHRISTMAS EVE—5PM

Let's celebrate "Hope Has A Name" with songs, children's lesson, candle lighting and the Christmas story. You can attend in person or online at newharvestch.org/live. Christmas Eve will be a family gathering. Childcare is offered for nursery-3 years old but kiddos 4 years-5th grade are encouraged to participate with their grownups. If you are unable to attend in person, stop by the church Tuesday-Thursday 9am-4pm & pick-up a Christmas Eve bag for your family to use during the live stream.

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Our annual ministry to a special need is dedicated to the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund. This will support the ongoing efforts to bring relief to those who have suffered greatly because of the devastating fires. Give online by indicating that your gift goes to Advent Conspiracy or use a check and write Advent on the memo line.



AN EXPERIENCE IN PRAYER

Wednesday, December 30, 7—8pm

A guided experience in prayer. A Time to both refresh your prayer life and lift up your life to God for 2021.

THE VISITED PLANET

The most significant storyline of Christmas is God coming near. J.B. Phillips wrote an analogy that sticks in my memory so well. We are the visited... I need a visit!

Isaiah 9:1-7

* Isolation

"darkness, burdens, conflict & division"

* Visitation

"light, celebration, arrival "

* God loves to visit!

From the very beginning, God walked in the Garden.

* No visitation quite like the arrival of a baby.

The descriptive titles -- wisdom, divine, forever... our peace

* "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light... (v.2)

Written as if it already happened.

What do you call that? Faith.

Reflective Questions:

- 1) What is one gift that you would ask God to give you this Christmas?
- 2) How does life seem isolating to you this Christmas?
- 3) What does it mean that God came close . . . at the first Christmas; for this Christmas, for life into the future?



**Welcome
Guests
& Visitors**

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use our online Connection Card (newharvestch.org/connect) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.