



VOICE

The United Churches of Olympia

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Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24

6:00 pm Families Rejoice

Christmas Carols led by the children,
with piano accompaniment

The Nativity Story presented by our youth

8:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service

A Candlelight Service
of Lessons and Carols:

Selections from "How Far is it to Bethlehem",
by Ronald Nelson

Pipe Organ, String Quartet,
Brass, Chancel Choir, Soloists

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

After many months of work, The United Churches has a beautiful new website!

Our webmaster, **Pat Sonnenstuhl**, writes, "Be sure to check out our new website. The homepage link is the same: www.theunitedchurches.org, but many of the other links have changed so start there. You can now click on the search feature and search for information. Please let me know what you think and if you have trouble with navigation, or with finding things.

The **staff e-mails** have been switched to a new server. If you feel a staff member hasn't received your email, please resend it.

Updates and messages for the congregation can be found in the **News and Events Section**. Please check there first for current information about anything happening in our church community. From the **Members Page** you can also register to make comments and also to access the **member directory**.

Looking forward to hearing from you."

Sunday Worship Services

December 24

Christmas Eve

6:00 P.M.

Family Service

8:00 P.M.

Traditional Service

TEXTS

- Isaiah 62:6-12
- Psalm 97
- Titus 3:4-7
- Luke 2:1-20

December 25

Christmas Day

10:30 A.M. - Sanctuary

TEXTS

- Psalm 98
- John 1:1-14

January 1

Epiphany

9:00 A.M. - Chapel

10:30 A.M. - Sanctuary

TEXTS

- Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
- Matthew 2: 1-12
- ✦ Communion Sunday
- ✦ Food Bank/ Other Bank Express Wagon

January 8

Baptism of Jesus

9:00 A.M. - Chapel

10:30 A.M. - Sanctuary

TEXTS

- Genesis 1:1-5
- Mark 1: 4-11
- ✦ Twelfth Night Celebration, Chamber Music, 3:00 p.m.



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Twelfth Night Celebration

Featuring
**John Oliver
Chamber Music**



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
3:00 P.M.
AT
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A traditional Twelfth Night Celebration concert will be presented on January 8, at 3:00 p.m., in the United Churches sanctuary. Twelfth Night is the last celebration of Christmas, and signals the beginning of the Epiphany season. This popular program includes Christmas carols and chamber music for String Quartet, Handbells, Voice, and Organ. John Oliver, retired professor of organ and professional church organist, will lead an ensemble of experienced chamber musicians. The "Twelfth Night of Christmas" symbolizes the coming of the Three Kings. John will play solo selections and chamber accompaniments on the noted United Churches' Balcomb and Vaughn pipe organ. Enjoy music of Bach, Mozart, Corelli, Kreisler and R. Vaughn Williams.

Following the concert, a festive Epiphany cake will be served at an informal reception for musicians and audience, and will include a surprise hidden within the cake.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Church Office will be **closed** Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2. Please call Tammy on her cell phone (742-8574) if you have an emergency.

Prayers For

- ✦ The family and friends of **Isabelle Wallace**, who died December 1
- ✦ The family and friends of **Mark Adams**, who died December 14
- ✦ **Muriel Hastings**, Panorama C&R
- ✦ **Coke Funkhouser**, recovering from hip replacement at Olympia Manor
- ✦ **Stuart Loyer**, recovering at home
- ✦ **Gabriel Williams**, muscle pain and mobility difficulties
- ✦ **Shari Kelly**, sister of Sandi Trudeau, continuing chemotherapy
- ✦ **Those facing the holidays alone**

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR SEEKING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Seeking Committee thanks all of you who completed the second survey. Your thoughtful responses have been used in answering the questions for our church profile. We appreciate your support and prayers as we continue our work.