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- An simple, yet fun service for all the family!
- Featuring a very simple sermon, special music by the KCC
- Chancel & Children's Choirs, and candle lighting

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- A Traditional Service of Carols and Lessons
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Simply Advent: Advent & Christmas 2018

Advent Begins Sunday, December 2. This year, we are taking things "Simple" and focusing on the story of the Nativity as it was presented by Saint Francis of Assisi. Each Sunday has a special theme to it, and all Sundays of Advent will have candles to be lit, carols to be sung, and an inspiring message of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. Make plans to join us in worship or in any one of the many activities this season has to offer. Here are the dates and details.

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KCC Christmas Festival

We are inviting our KCC members and friends to create a festive environment for the Advent Season. This is how you can participate:

- Bring a nativity or a table top Christmas decoration to be displayed in Lander Hall on Sunday, December 9th to be displayed for the Senior Luncheon (Dec. 11) and for the Christmas Festival (Dec. 16).
- On December 16, bring your favorite savory or sweet holiday dish to share and then stay for a

for some holiday festivities
Dec.14 to 15

Theology on Tap
Meets
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Youth Group Calendar

Built With Love!
Casas De Luz 2018 Pix

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Coming Up

Save the Dates:

Jan. 20 & 21

potluck following both the 8:30 AM and the 10 AM worship services.

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KCC Children's Annual Christmas Program Embraces 'Simple" Theme December 16

Mark your calendars for the Annual Christmas Program. The 2018 theme is, "Simply Christmas."
Important Dates for Sunday School Families:

- Program Preparation- December 2nd & 9th
- Rehearsal-December 9th from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM
- Christmas Program-Sunday, December 16th at the 8 AM and 10 AM service

The KCC Giving Tree: KCC Cares This Christmas!

This year, the gift tags on our Giving Tree are for women & girls liberated from human trafficking through a ministry called,

UCC Partnership Marches in MLK Parade This Year!
Check Out Schedule of Events

Jan. 27
KCC Congregational Meeting

Churches Against Trafficking (CAT). Please help make their Christmas a little brighter by selecting a tag from the Giving Tree located in Lander Social Hall. Shop for that special gift, and return your unwrapped gift to the church, with the tag identifying the gift, no later than Tuesday, December 11th. The Ministry of Mission and Outreach is happy to shop for you if you would like to make a donation instead! Read more about the CAT Network, their upcoming events and meetings planned.

Annual Nativity Play in Kensington is Saturday, December 8, at 5:30 PM

The KCC Youth Group LIVE NATIVITY PLAY is right around the corner! Gather at the Kensington Library Park to see if we can find room for the Holy Family this season. Enjoy carols, candlelight, a petting zoo, piñatas, and posole as our youth recreate the Inn right here at KCC! If you'd like to help sponsor the event via a financial gift to help offset costs, or if you'd like to volunteer to help that evening, please contact Pastor

Darryl. darryl@kensingtonucc.com. Read more details here.

Order Your Poinsettia Today

Each Christmas season, beautiful poinsettias adorn our sanctuary. Now is the time to order yours to honor and/or remember a loved one, or to convey a heartfelt message. Please get your order in before Dec. 17. Print order form here or pay via PayPal with a note that it's for your poinsettia!

Holiday Senior Luncheon "Letters from Father Christmas" Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Noon in Lander Hall

RSVP Today!

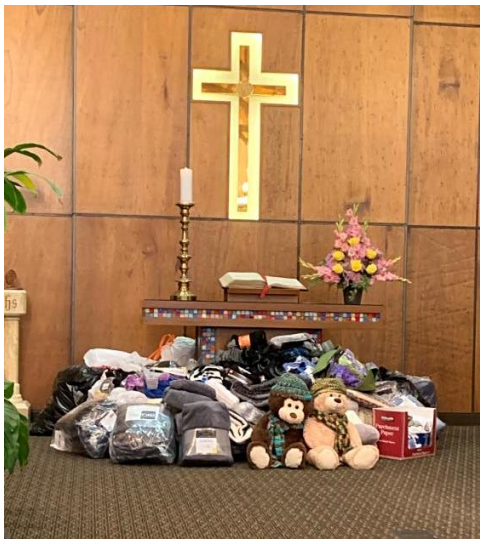
The KCC Choir invites you to come sing along to many of your favorite and traditional Christmas tunes! Please RSVP to Donna Hanson by Wednesday, December 5, at donna@kensingtonucc.com or 619-284-1129. Not on the mailing list? Please let Donna know and she will add you.

Generosity and Commitment Abound on Stewardship Sunday

KCC's Stewardship Campaign is off to a wonderful start! To date we have received 50 responses to our stewardship campaign for a total estimated giving of $141,576 in 2019. This is great progress toward our goal of $180,000. Thank you to all who are supporting the church during this campaign. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to the mission and ministry of KCC. If you haven't returned an estimated giving card there is still time! There are blank forms in Lander Hall, the office, or you can print one off here.

Monday, Dec. 24:
8 AM to Noon
Tuesday, Dec. 25: Closed
Wednesday, Dec. 26: Closed

Generous Outpouring of Compassion During November Blanket & Sock Drive



The Ministry of Mission and Outreach Thanks You for your Significant Donations of over 200 Pairs of Socks and 50 Blankets!

These items were donated and consecrated on November 18 as part of our Harvest Sunday collection. On November 28, our KCC Youth Group created 'Winter Bags' for area homeless shelters that included the socks as well as hats, scarves, water, granola, and hygiene products. Early in December, some of the blankets will be donated to the Humane Society, and the bags, socks, and rest of the blankets will be given to the Alpha Project to be used in the winter shelters. Thank you all again for your tremendous generosity and compassion for our neighbors living on the streets. Your donation is an act of kindness and love in the name of Christ!

Please submit your articles and photos by the 12th of each month
to Donna Hanson at donna@kensingtonucc.com

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8:30 Half-hour Informal Worship
10 AM Worship, Sunday School & Nursery

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, San Diego, CA 92116

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Simply Christmas: Advent & Christmas '18!

Advent Begins Sunday, December 2.
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Manger & Card Making

Sunday, Dec 2, After the 8:30 & 10AM Worship Services
Build a tabletop nativity. Craft a card for our servicemen and women.
{$5 suggested donation to help offset materials is appreciated but not mandatory to participate}

Senior Luncheon

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 12 noon
Come join with your friends and neighbors at this fun and festive "Christmas Traditions" program that will fill you up with good cheer, food, and song!

Live Nativity Play in Kensington

Saturday, Dec. 8, 5:30 PM
Our Youth Group will lead us on a journey with Mary, Joseph and a donkey search for lodging. See the stable and nativity come to life. Posole, Mexican Hot Chocolate, piñatas, petting zoo and caroling. FREE event starts at Kensington Park.
(Adams & Marlborough)

KCC Children's Christmas Program: Simply Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 16 at 8:30 AM & 10 AM Service
"Simply Christmas: Our children and youth will explore how taking Christmas back to the essence of the story can inspire and fill us with hope, love, joy, and peace." A shorter and brief version of the program will be presented at the 8:30AM service.

Sundays of Advent Themes: Sunday, Dec. 2, 9, and 23 at 8:30AM & 10AM

- December 2: Saint Francis' Nativity Explored
- December 9: A Blue Christmas & Finding Joy in the Midst of Loss
- December 23: Mary, Woman of Promise

A Very Simple Christmas Eve

Children & Family Service, 5:30 PM
An simple, yet fun service for all the family!
Featuring an very simple sermon, special music by the KCC Chancel & Children's Choirs, and candle lighting.

Vespers Service of Carols, Lessons, & Light, 9 PM
A traditional Christmas Eve Service of carols and readings of scripture and poetry, communion and candlelight.

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CHURCHES AGAINST TRAFFICKING

"To loose the chains of injustice,
to untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free..."

Isaiah 58

A network of churches joining together to provide service, resources, and prayer to the San Diego movement against Human Trafficking

For info on meetings, resources and news visit our website:

ChurchesAgainstTrafficking.com

Sponsored by Point Loma Nazarene University

SAN DIEGO CAT CHURCHES AGAINST TRAFFICKING

Upcoming Events

January 26th Prayer Vigil

Balboa Park 6th & Laurel Streets 2-4 p.m.

Join us for a time of prayer, for all those involved in Human Trafficking: the victims, the sellers, the buyers and for all those who are at work, fighting to end it!

Upcoming 2019 CAT Meetings:

February 21, April 18, June 20

Meetings are **bi-monthly**, on the **3rd Thursdays:**
Mission Church of the Nazarene
4750 Mission Gorge Pl, SD 92120

Local Shelters & Organizations

Alabaster Jar Project
alabasterjarproject.org

Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition
bsccoalition.org

Children of the Immaculate Heart
childrenoftheimmaculateheart.org

Generate Hope
generatehope.org

Mary's Guest House
sistersagainsttrafficking.org

North County Lifeline
nclifeline.org

PLNU Beauty for Ashes Scholarship
pointloma.edu/beautyforashes

Shining Stars
shiningstarsbreakingchains.org

Salvation Army's Door of Hope
doorofhope.salvationarmy.org

San Diego Youth Services
sdyouthservices.org

For more information on our meetings and other events please visit our website:
www.ChurchesAgainstTrafficking.com

Email us at cat@churchesagainsttrafficking.com

The Divine Comedy:

Notes from Pastor Darryl

December 2018

Do yourself a favor and watch (or re-watch) the amazing documentary *WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?* It tells the story of the creation and success of "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood" and genius of its creative force, Rev. Fred Rogers. Fred Rogers and all of the wonderful characters in his neighborhood and in Make-Believe-Land were a huge part of my growing up as I am certain he was for many of you. And watching the documentary brought back such feelings of being loved and accepted. This lovely little film about this lovely man is truly a sorbet for this hard and often chaotic time.

Not many people know that Fred Rogers was an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church USA. Though we called him "Mr. Rogers", his more formal title was that of Reverend Fred Rogers. And Rev. Rogers felt a duel calling that were quite odd in the 1960s: an audio-visual ministry through a television show and for a man to be called to a children's ministry. But Rev. Rogers saw the ministry to children as the most important work a person could do. And he saw the medium of television as a tool to spread peace and love, and create one big neighborhood across the United States.

You can Google "Fred Rogers Quotes" and find inspirational nuggets to help you in your spiritual life.

> *"Love and trust, in the space between what's said and what's heard in our life, can make all the difference in the world."*

> *"When I say it's you I like, I'm talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch. That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed."*

These are two of my favorites. But there are countless more. In fact, it is a Fred Rogers quote from the documentary that is the inspiration behind our **Advent and Christmas Theme this year at KCC: A Simple Christmas.**

"Simple and profound is always preferred to violent and chaotic."

We've taken this idea to heart. Let's strip down the Christmas story what is essential. If we remove all of the pomp and circumstance, the clutter and debt, the stress and obligation, what profoundly simple truth is left for us to hear and receive this Christmas season?

It's a story of promise. It's a story of God's eternal grace. It's a story of the vulnerable and the ridiculed being the recipients of Good News. It's about peace on earth and goodwill to all. It's a story of parents protecting their child in the midst of violence. It's the story of the inbreaking of the infinite into our finite reality. It's a story of hope and miracle and joy.

It's a story of love. It's a story of God's tremendous gift of love to a broken and hurting world, and how that love can then be shared and lived out by those of us who hear this story and make it our own.

So, I invite you to come experience this profoundly simple Advent and Christmas this December at KCC. Come light a candle and sing some carols. Be inspired by the angels and shepherds and animals. Find yourself in the manger alongside Mary and Joseph and the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. And then like the Magi and shepherds, respond to this story by giving your profound, yet simple gifts this holiday of love, sacrifice, courage, and a full-heart.

It's going to be a simple Christmas this year at KCC. We hope in keeping it simple it will allow you experience the birth of the Christ child in your heart and in your life a little more profoundly.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Peace. Love. Understanding.
Pastor Darryl

KCC Christmas Festival

Sunday, December 16th

8:30 AM & 10 AM Services

Participate in Our Festival By:

- ★ On Sun. Dec. 9th, Bringing a Tabletop Nativity or Christmas Decoration to Display in Lander Hall for the Senior Luncheon, Youth Overnight, & Christmas Festival.
- ★ On Sun. Dec. 16th, Bringing Your Favorite Sweet or Savory Dish to Share in a Potluck following Each Worship Service.
- ★ Supporting Our Children & Youth on Dec. 16th for the Children's Christmas Program. There will be an Abbreviated Program at the 8:30 AM & a Full Program at the 10 AM.

Kensington Community Church
Operating Income & Expenses vs. Budget
For The Ten Months Ended October 31, 2018

Income	Actual	Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable)	Prior Year	Annual Budget
Tithes and Offerings	$136,421	$145,833	($9,413)	$140,788	$175,000
Building Use	$15,617	$11,250	$4,367	$14,839	$13,500
Cell Tower	$27,306	$26,417	$889	$26,510	$31,700
Fund Raisers	$829	$3,708	($2,880)	$801	$4,450
Interest/Dividends	$21,148	$16,667	$4,481	$13,908	$20,000
Rental Income	$43,928	$41,825	$2,103	$47,255	$50,190
Special Gifts	$0	$3,750	($3,750)		$4,500
Transfer from Funds	$24,443	$26,002	($1,559)	$14,693	$28,802
Other Non Operating	$26	$0	$26	$1,371	$0
Operating Non-Contributions	$133,295	$129,618	$3,677	$119,377	$153,142
Preschool	$196,562	$196,374	$188	$197,996	$245,467
Total Operating Income	**$466,277**	**$471,825**	**($5,548)**	**$458,161**	**$573,609**
Expenses					
Administration	$50,480	$47,179	($3,301)	$47,410	$56,615
Facilities	$66,596	$69,242	$2,646	$68,786	$83,090
Deferred Maintenance			$0		
Faith Programs	$41,850	$35,004	($6,846)	$54,834	$39,900
Ministry	$94,914	$96,723	$1,809	$80,466	$113,668
Mission	$14,654	$15,392	$738	$10,218	$17,500
Music	$29,783	$36,083	$6,301	$30,241	$43,300
Overhead Alloc to Preschool	($33,333)	($33,333)	$0	($33,330)	($40,000)
Payroll Expenses	$8,530	$7,023	($1,508)	$9,519	$9,666
Preschool	$193,173	$193,933	$760	$187,092	$244,857
Rental Property Expense	$9,534	$12,500	$2,966	$8,429	$15,000
Total Operating Expenses	**$476,182**	**$479,746**	**$3,564**	**$463,665**	**$583,596**
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	**($9,904)**	**($7,921)**	**($1,984)**	**($5,504)**	**($9,987)**

Prepared by: E. Burnette

11/24/2018

Kensington Community Church
Fund Activity Statement
1/1/2018 - 10/31/2018

Fund / Account	Starting Balance	Year-to-date Income	Year-to-date Expenses	Current Balance
Church Operating	$0	269,716	$283,009	($13,293)
Preschool Operating	$0	196,562	$193,173	$3,388
Operating Total	$0	466,277	$476,182	($9,904)
Advance & Repay	$846	441	$504	$783
Altar Flowers	$0	1,372	$1,201	$171
KCC Tshirts	$0	426	$619	($192)
Darryl Sabatical Fund	$0	15,619	$13,553	$2,066
Campership	$1,032	350	$0	$1,382
Capital Campaign Fund	$0			$0
Capital Improvement Fund	$9,593	7,895	$16,988	$500
Endowment Grants	$7,962	1,654	$858	$8,757
Endowment Youth Choir Income	$214			$214
Events	($92)	7,336	$8,051	($806)
Library	$395	25		$420
Memorials & Bequests	$85,319			$85,319
Music Fund	$690	36	$300	$426
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	$4	4,965	$1,700	$3,269
Perrigo Fund	$13,530			$13,530
Radick Fund	$102,038	0	$12,443	$89,595
Special Mission Collections	$80	1,002	$727	$355
UCC Delegate Expense Fund	$620	0	$320	$300
Undesignated Funds	$631,745	51,685	$42,422	$641,007
Youth Fund	$3,233	1,361	$789	$3,806
Non-Operating Total	$857,208	94,168	$100,476	$850,900
Endowment Fund	$119,599			$119,599
Fund Total	$976,807	560,445	$576,657	$960,594
Liabilities	$3,276			$8,368
Rental Security Deposit	$3,900			$5,825
Deferred Income	$25,120			$4,353
Deferred Preshool Tuition	$23,029			$19,071
Funds & Liabilities	**$1,032,132**			**$998,212**
Cash	$500			$500
Checking Account	$9,330			$5,704
Savings Account	$14,955			$955
Other Current Assets	$75,503			$66,979
Accounts Receivable	$453			$3
UCF Endowment Fund @Cost	$119,599			$119,599
UCF Investment Account @Cost	$191,917			$191,917
Stifel Nicolaus Investment Acct @Cost	$619,876			$612,555
Total Assets	**$1,032,132**			**$998,212**

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11/24/2018

KCC Youth Group Presents:

Annual Live Nativity

Saturday, December 8 at 5:30 PM

~ Gather at the Kensington Library Park.
~ Walk with the Holy Family Looking for a Place to Rest.
~ Conclude at the Manger on the KCC Front Lawn.

Free and Open to the Public

Enjoy a Small Animal Petting Zoo

Eat Delicious Posole

Freewill Offering to help the San Diego Rescue Mission Women's & Children Shelter

For more information, please contact the church office at 619-284-1129 or info@kensingtonucc.com http://kensingtonucc.com

KCC's 7th – 12th Grades

YOUTH GROUP

The November & December 2018 Calendar

WED., NOV. 7, 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM, YOUTH HALL

The church Nativity play is right around the corner. Tonight we break down the history of the long standing youth tradition and cast roles. Fun games will follow. Dinner will be served.

WED., NOV. 14, 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM, LANDER HALL

Thanksgiving is just a week away, and we'll soon be gathering together with family and friends to celebrate the holiday. When you think Thanksgiving, what comes to mind? Tonight we think and discuss about the special people in our lives. Craft up a "thank you" card for someone wonderful as a sign of gratitude. **Please bring a small dish for our Thanksgiving potluck.**

WED., NOV. 21, NO YOUTH GROUP - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

WED., NOV. 28, 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM, YOUTH HALL

Hanging of the Greens and Trimming Christmas Trees. Posada Practice. We will also be assembling cold weather bags for our local neighbors. Dinner will be served.

WED., DEC. 5, 6:30 TO 8:30 PM, NATIVITY DRESS REHEARSAL

A very important Youth Group that all youth in the Nativity Play needs to attend. We will do a dry run thru the entire Nativity Play: costumes will be worn, lines will be given, dancing will be done (what?). Dinner will be served.

SAT., DEC. 8, 3:45 TO 8:00 PM, NATIVITY PLAY 2018

Lights. Donkey. Action! The Nativity Play (aka The Event Formerly Known as Posada) will be performed. Dinner will be provided for the youth and volunteers before the performance.

WED., DEC. 12, NO YOUTH GROUP

FRI., DEC. 14, 6:30 PM TO 8:00 AM, YOUTH GROUP XMAS OVERNIGHT

Join with Partnership Youth at KCC for some holiday festivities. More details to come. Mark your calendar for this fun overnight in the church.

WED., DEC. 19, NO YOUTH GROUP! HAPPY HOLIDAYS

WED., DEC. 26, NO YOUTH GROUP! HAPPY HOLIDAYS

If you have any questions or comments, please chat with Enrique or Pastor Darryl
Enrique@kensingtonucc.com or 619-808-2240
Darryl@kensingtonucc.com or 619-371-7854

Poinsettias

To place an order, please complete the form below and return it to the church office **NO LATER THAN Monday, December 17th.**

The cost for each plant is $10.00*

Name:_____

Phone:_____

Email:_____

(Please circle one)

IN MEMORY OF (or) IN HONOR OF

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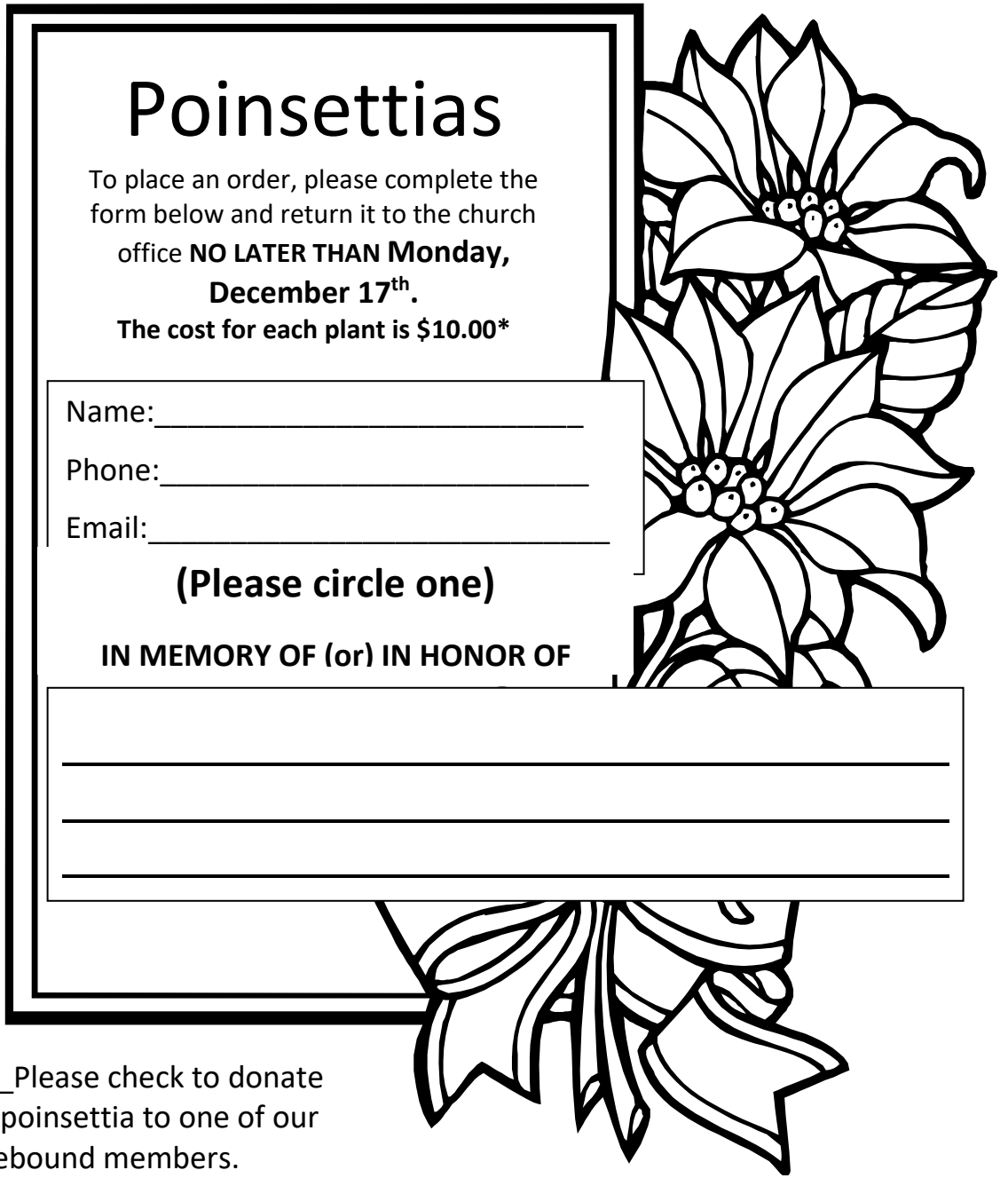

_____Please check to donate your poinsettia to one of our homebound members.

*Pay by cash, check or via PayPal at: http://www.kensingtonucc.com/give/ (with a note that it's for your poinsettia!)

In Our Prayers

Hollis Allen & his family,
Stone Allen,
David & Abigail Barnier,
Brian Brewster,
Martha Ceriani,
Beth Cooper,
Edie,
Sue Ehlers,
Tricia Filet,
Sheryl G.,
Larry Hanson,
Jan Johns,
Joann Kingsbury,
Ellyn Lanier,
Chuck Lee,
Jan LeVan,
Kimi Lindsey-Schroder,
Bonnie, Brendan, Nick ,
and the McCarthy Family,
Millie Medigovich,
Kathy Moorhouse,
Eddie, Karla, Max & Johnathan Noah
and the Noah Family,
Marie Pujol,
Mimi Schuleman,
Johnny Velasquez, and
Ann Walquist.

December Birthdays

2	Larry Hanson
3	Jayne Neal
5	Bill Ehlers
7	Russ Havens
8	Missy Meehan
10	Dick Wayman
13	Tony Guepin,
	Ross Naismith
16	Lynn Ford
17	Lee Howeth
18	Susan Christison
21	Helen Vreeland
23	Jay Neal,
	Wu Yi So

San Diego UCC Partnership MLK Jr. Weekend Events

Sunday, January 20th
2:00-5:00 pm
MLK Jr. Parade

* March with the Partnership from Harbor Drive- Embarcadero

Monday, January 21st
9:00 am-12:00 pm
MLK Jr. Day of Service

* Be part of an interfaith day of service in Balboa Park

Wear a Partnership T-Shirt to either or both events

(available at your local church a week before the parade)

Watch your church publicity for exact location details coming in early January.