



# DECEMBER 2024 (MINI) CHRONICLE

## Sundays in December

### December 8 Advent 2

#### 9:00 AM Forum

#### WORDS AND WATERCOLORS by poet Richard Morgan

Richard Morgan will read selected poems from his books, tell the personal stories behind the poems, and show slides of his wife, Pat Morgan's watercolors that illustrate the books. Richard has been a poet and a teacher for more than 50 years and a member of Agudas Israel Congregation. His writing is accessible, sensitive, and humorous at times. This is the last forum for 2024, so don't miss out!

#### 10:30 AM Worship

Rev. Karla Miller preaching "How Can this Be?"

### December 15 Christmas Music Sunday

**Worship 10:30 AM.** Third Sunday of Advent in which our choir sings a program of fantastic Christmas music, interspersed with readings, and accompanied by strings and percussion. The music this year includes old favorites and wonderful new pieces as well. Join us for a meaningful and joyful tradition at FCCH.

After worship, join us for a special **Music Reception coffee hour** in the Fellowship Hall.

### December 22 Bell & Pageant Sunday

**Worship 10:30 AM:** Bring a bell with you to worship to play during the singing of hymns. We also invite our children to dress up for whatever character they would like to be in the Christmas Story for our Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant. Mary? A sheep? Shepherd? Joseph? Chicken? All are welcome!

It's also **COOKIE SUNDAY Coffee Hour**

Please bring a tray of cookies to the kitchen before 10:15 AM. No need to sign up, just bring some of your favorite cookies to share.

### December 29 Home By Another Way

**Worship 10:30 AM** FCCH friends share stories of faith on the theme of pilgrimage in their lives. We always gain so much from the wisdom of each other.



Dear FCCH friends~

'Tis the season for all of the things. I hope you can join us as we wait for the Mystery of the Incarnation to touch us once again. Here is a wonderful Advent poem by Emily Dickinson that I am finding meaningful these days:

*The Infinite a sudden Guest  
Has been assumed to be –  
But how can that stupendous come  
Which never went away?*

*With joy,  
Karla*



## CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, Dec. 24

5:00 pm

Candlelight Lessons  
and Carols

Bring your friends, family, and neighbors for a beautiful service of celebrating the hope, peace, joy, love and light of Christmas.

## Decking the Halls!

On November 27, after worship, some people got busy decking our halls for Christmas! Thank you to Linda Laderach, our Worship Chair, and everyone one who helped, including Dawn Kucera who captured everyone in action with her camera.



**ABOVE: Helen, Fern, and Jan fluff wreaths.**

**BELOW: The guys consulted Charlie Brown to figure out the lights and the perfect angle of the star. Check out the variety of creches as well as the gorgeous camel and wise ones Fern Carter sculpted.**





On November 27, we welcomed three new members. Clockwise from above: Mary Rather, Bill Reese, and Emily Hayden-Granger. You can read their bios in the holy hallway bulletin board!  
(photos by Dawn Kucera)

**Happy happy holidays from all of us on your staff. It is a blessing for us to be able to be in ministry with this amazing congregation.  
In Peace and Love,**

**Karla, Mark, Jennifer, Dora, Ginger, Virginia, and Lynx.**

