

## November/December 2017 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 26 Learn more about SNAP: <a href="#">Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</a> . Challenge: Plan your meals for the week on just \$4.50 a day.	Nov. 27 Learn about food deserts. Look for the closest grocery store to you. How far was it? Was it walking distance? Was it near a bus route?	Nov. 28 Food waste is prevalent in our society! Discuss: How much food do you throw away? Do you save food scraps? Do you compost?	Nov. 29 Scripture reflection: Read Deuteronomy 10:18. How does this scripture passage relate to food justice?	Nov. 30 Light a candle and reflect: Pray for families who struggle with food insecurity. Read Isaiah 9:2-6.	Dec. 1 Make a home-cooked meal tonight for your family and friends!	Dec. 2 Set aside canned goods and non-perishable food to bring to Christ Church on Sunday so we can donate to local pantries.
Dec. 3 <a href="#">Read the Guiding Principles of the Black Lives Matter movement</a> .	Dec. 4 Learn more about micro-aggressions and racism. Discuss how you would respond if you commit them or see someone else do it.	Dec. 5 Islamophobia: What is it? Learn more about Islam and your local Muslim community. What do we share in common?	Dec. 6 Scripture reflection: Read 1 Corinthians: 12-27. How does this scripture passage relate to racism in our society today?	Dec. 7 <a href="#">Take the citizenship test from the RAISE Act</a> . Would you pass it? What was your score?	Dec. 8 Movie night: Watch "The Help" or "Hidden Figures". Discuss how the women in these films dealt with racism during that time period.	Dec. 9 Research local businesses owned by people of color. Support them by doing your Christmas shopping there!
Dec. 10 Learn more about the organizations that Christ Church supports: <a href="#">The Gathering Place</a> and <a href="#">The Delores Project</a> .	Dec. 11 Learn more about micro-aggressions and homelessness. What are your assumptions of the homeless community?	Dec. 12 What are tiny homes? <a href="#">Learn more about the recent "Beloved Community Village" built in north Denver</a> .	Dec. 13 Scripture reflection: Read Isaiah 58: 7-9. How does this scripture passage relate to people who struggle to find permanent housing?	Dec. 14 Light a candle and reflect: Give thanks for your home and pray for people who are still looking for a place to live.	Dec. 15 Challenge: Getting a job. Imagine you don't have an address or access to Internet. How would you apply for a job? What kind of job can you get?	Dec. 16 Put together bags of toiletries and/or gather hats, gloves, long johns and feminine products and bring to Christ Church on Sunday.
Dec. 17 Learn more about the sanctuary movement. What are ways we can support Park Hill UMC as they offer sanctuary to Araceli Velasquez?	Dec. 18 Learn more about DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. <a href="#">Send a letter to your local representative and tell them to pass the DREAM Act!</a>	Dec. 19 Learn about refugees. <a href="#">Read about Wilmot Collins, the first Liberian refugee to be elected mayor of Helena, MT, and is a member of Covenant UMC</a> .	Dec. 20 Scripture reflection: Read Luke 2: 5-7. How does this scripture passage relate to sanctuary, immigration and welcoming?	Dec. 21 Reflect on the word "sanctuary." How do we use it in church? What different meanings does it have? What does it mean to you?	Dec. 22 Movie night: Watch the short film <a href="#">"Let Me In" on YouTube</a> . Discuss how the people dealt with suddenly becoming refugees. What did you think of the ending?	Dec. 23 Write a Christmas card or letter to Araceli Velasquez and her family and bring to Christ Church on Sunday so we can deliver them to Park Hill UMC.
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve: Light a candle and pray for communities who are facing food insecurity, racism, homelessness, and immigration issues.	Dec. 25 Merry Christmas! Christ is born! Hallelujah! Gather and sing "Joy to the World" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain."					

Each week, we will learn, discuss and take action on a social justice topic. Week 1: Food justice; Week 2: Racism; Week 3: Homelessness; Week 4: Sanctuary