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Simplicity &
Adaptability

Community &
Purpose

Longest Night
Gathering

Christmas Eve
via Zoom

2022 December Newsletter

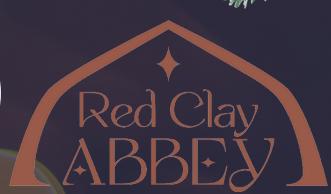
"All Creation Waits: The
Advent Mystery of New
Beginnings"



The Table is set every
Wednesday at 5:30 or

6:30pm gathering in Person.

Join us at The Lyric for shared food at
5:30 pm {230 W. Yellowstone HWY}
or join us for conversation at 6:30 pm.





TABLE

Centerpiece

Where The Table's News Rests

Advent

"Love is the source and goal, faith is the slow process of getting there, and hope is the willingness to move forward without resolution and closure."

– Richard Rohr

Advent is here again, and again we find ourselves in the not yet/already pregnancy of time... the waiting, longing, pondering, searching, hoping, yearning space of wondering if love will ever fix the bind we're in.

I don't know about you, but waiting can really suck. Seasons like this one highlight the both/and nature of waiting. Recognizing we're not where we want to be, admitting we feel like we've barely made sense of the journey so far, and straining to believe the journey, in the end will be worth it.

And, waiting can really be precisely what we need. Longing for resolution and closure is certainly a piece of the human condition – but life never offers it to us. So then: advent becomes the training ground for love, faith and hope.



The confirmation for remembering the journey is the destination. The measurement by which we slow down long enough to marrow in the tension the slow process of getting there.



Friends: I urge you — get comfortable with the uncomfortable. Embrace the not yet. Welcome the yearning. Make friends with the impossibility of never arriving, always being there. This is advent's invitation. Let's turn our attention again to the narrative of the holy family's journey to Jesus birth – the symbolism and representation of Mary and Joseph and all the cast of characters who pondered and wondered and longed for love's arrival.

Waiting with you,
Pastor Libby

Join The Table in the Red Clay Abbey's presentation of "All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings." We will gather on Wednesday evenings around the themes of advent, and you can also choose to join in daily reflections from our very own Abbess, Ani Wa, Jessika. And if you need a little extra room to grieve, lament and wallow in the stretch of the not yet/already — join us on Wednesday the 21st for the longest night of the year gathering with our partner congregation: Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian. The Table, Red Clay Abbey will be co-presenting that night.

New Swag

Beanies (one size fits all)..... \$25

Caps (one size fits all)..... \$25

Table T-shirts (xs, s, m, L, XL)..... \$15

Funk Shirt

Red (xs, s, m, L, XL)..... \$15

Tan (xs, s, m, L, XL)..... \$15



The Table & Red Clay Abbey Events

WEEKLY Events

The Table: Join us every Wednesday night downtown at The Lyric for shared food, compassion teachings, exploration, embodied spiritual practice, and community conversation. All are welcome! We share food at 5.30 and reflective action at 6.30pm. We are currently not offering hybrid zoom opportunity.

MONTHLY Events

Circles of Trust: Monthly group of women in professional ministry coming together for support and spiritual nurture. We meet the third Friday of the month at 1 pm at Sweet Zoey's on CY

3 Spaces: Every other Saturday: 10.15am at 2110 1st Lane

Longest Night of The Year Gathering: Dec. 21st is the longest night of the year and we as The Table and Red Clay Abbey will be joining with our friends 7pm, at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church: 4600 S. Poplar Street and on zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9661458920?pwd=a0FUcHdWNFZ6dFFLVjIvUFhIa0kyUT09> link will be available through QR code on front page.

Christmas Eve via Zoom: Join The Table and The Red Clay Abbey on Zoom for a Christmas eve meditation. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81694859096>

EVENT HIGHLIGHT: ALL CREATION WAITS: ADVENT W/ RED CLAY ABBEY

The Red Clay Abbey is offering a daily advent devotional. Available through email and on redclayabbey.org. It has been inspired by a book called "All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings". If you are interested to follow along subscribe for the email through the website. Also a 7pm live streaming prayer candle practice on M/T/Th/F/Sa can be found on the Red Clay Abbey Instagram. If you are looking for a way to participate In advent, the Red Clay Abbey is offering a devotional with a variety of content.