

December 2015



***“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”  
1 John 5:11***

## **Our Journey on the Train of Life**

### **The Advent Season**

Advent Season, you’ve probably heard the phrase used multiple times in church but what does it mean?

“Advent, a season that starts four Sundays before Christmas, began this year on November 29 and will stretch to Christmas Eve, as it does every year. Advent is not specifically mentioned in the Bible, but it is an ancient Christian practice, first observed in France in the fourth century.

The word *Advent* comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means coming, and hints at the focus of this liturgical season. Advent “is a season to prepare for the coming of Christ in various meanings: the promised coming of the Messiah to the Jews, the coming of Jesus being born in Bethlehem, the promised return of the risen Christ in final victory and the continual coming of Christ into the lives and hearts of believers,” according to Dean McIntyre of the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship.”  
(Jim Hawkins)

In the Sundays leading up to Christmas Eve we reflect on the meaning of Christ’s Good News: hope, peace, joy, and love. Hope, we have hope because of Christ and we believe that good is stronger than evil. Peace, for Christ is called the “Prince of Peace” and his presence with us gives us peace day by day. Joy, since the coming of Christ brings joy to our world and that joy is ours not only at Christmas but always. Love, because unconditional love is what Jesus taught and what helps us to love God and one another.

In Christ’s Love,  
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## Worship Schedule

### Liturgists

12/6 Rob Currier  
12/13 Clarence Mosher  
12/20 Jill Wesley  
12/24 Everett Currier  
12/24 Marcia Smith  
12/27 Stephen Long

### Sound

Dave Read  
Bob Hatt  
Don Smith  
Mark Cieslak  
Dave Read  
Bob Hatt

### Ushers

12/6 Deb Elliott, Deb Cieslak  
12/13 Bob & Meredith Van Vorst  
12/20 Don Smith, Holly Russo  
12/24 Holly Russo, Sue Sykes  
12/24 TBD  
12/27 Sue Sykes, Martha Hatt

### Social

Sue Sykes  
Belinda Wagner, Zych family  
Read family, Wendy Liebl  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD

### Acolytes

12/6 Jaime Stark, Nicole Holloway  
12/13 Ian Caterina, Cameron Breslin  
12/20 Daegan Connors, Alec Flansburg  
12/27 Cameron Breslin, Nicole Holloway

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In place of flowers this Christmas, we will be accepting donations towards our winter heating bills. All donations given in memory or in honor of our loved ones will be included in our special bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please complete this form along with your check and return it to the church office no later than **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Any forms submitted after this date will not be included in the bulletin. Thank you!**

**Given**

by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of**

\_\_\_\_\_

**OR in honor of**

\_\_\_\_\_

## **SUMC IN MISSIONS**

**Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry** – We collect for the Scotia-Glenville Food Pantry, both food and cash, during service on the **second and fourth Sundays each month**. The food pantry, located at the City View Church, 12 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia provides a three (3) day supply of food to residents of Scotia-Glenville. The pantry is open Tuesdays 5:30 – 7:00 pm and Fridays 9:00 – 11:00 am. For information call 399-9426 and ask for Janice Cooper or call Tim Horn at 377-0372.

**Bottles for Bread** – Please continue to place your clean **refundable** containers in the red barrels. If you have a large quantity, pick-up can be arranged. All proceeds go to the Scotia-Glenville food pantry. To date you have donated over 4,800 containers. Thank you and stay hydrated.

**Regional Food Bank** – A great opportunity for fellowship with others from our church and a group from Bank of America. On the third Tuesday of each month we go to the Regional Food Bank to sort and repack products from various stores. We meet at the church to carpool at 2:00 and usually return there around 4:30. No long term commitment, join us whenever your schedule allows. Our next trip is **TUESDAY, December 15th**.

**Box Tops for Education** - Box tops for education can be found on some cereal boxes, yogurt containers and numerous other containers. If you are not giving yours to a school, please drop them off at church and we will donate them to local schools.

**Labels for Education** – Similar to Box Tops for Education the Labels for Education are found on many packages. So if you are not using your labels, please consider bringing them to church.

If you have any questions or want to sign up for any of the above, please contact Dick Knapp (393-5737 or [knappster933@gmail.com](mailto:knappster933@gmail.com)) or anyone on the Mission Committee.

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## **Calendar**

<b>12/6</b>	<b>Chrismons</b>
<b>12/12</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Tree Decorating 10-12</b>
<b>12/13</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
<b>12/15</b>	<b>Food Pantry 2 pm</b>
<b>12/15</b>	<b>Finance Meeting 7 pm</b>
<b>12/16</b>	<b>Staff Christmas Luncheon</b>
<b>12/17</b>	<b>Wedding Rehearsal</b>
<b>12/18</b>	<b>Wedding 6 pm</b>
<b>12/20</b>	<b>Birthday Party - "Gifts for Jesus"</b>
<b>12/20</b>	<b>Blue Christmas Service 7 pm</b>
<b>12/24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Services 7 pm &amp; 9 pm</b>
<b>12/25</b>	<b>Merry Christmas!</b>

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## Holiday Wish List of Donation Items

- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> new/unused Toys for any age (newborn to teens), craft and sports supplies are good for older children
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> combs/brushes/hair accessories/curling irons/hair dryers
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> manicure sets/nail polish/perfume
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> appointment books/calendars/planners/journals
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> wallets/purses/tote bags
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> photo albums/picture frames
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> umbrellas
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> clock radios/alarm clocks
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> rain jackets/boots for kids
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> hygiene gift sets (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotions, body spray etc.) for adults and kids
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> slippers for all ages
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> socks for all ages
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> underwear for all ages
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> pajamas for women and children
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> bathrobes for women and children
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> gift certificates ( Price Chopper, Price Rite, Hannaford, CVS, Rite Aid, Walmart, Target, Movie Theaters, Hair Salons)
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> towels/wash clothes
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> bed pillows/sheet sets/blankets
- <sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> pots and pans(small)/bakeware/can openers(non-electric)/ utensils/microwavable containers

**\*We only use new items for our Christmas program. Used clothing and linens may be accepted at other times of the year.**

**The Women's Group** will be collecting donations on Sunday Dec.6 and 13th for the YWCA. This has been our tradition for many years and we would like the congregation to help us. The gifts do not have to be wrapped and can be left in the Loomis Room. Thank you!

Please Note: The Women's group will not meet in December. We will have our New Year's celebration on Sunday, January 10 with a brunch at the Scotia Diner. All the ladies of the church are invited. – Martha Hatt

**Church Treasurers Report  
31-Oct-15**

	2015	
	October 2015	Total thru 10/31/2015
Individual Contributions	\$9,358	\$103,924
Building Use/Rent	\$2,040	\$14,406
Fund Raising/Interest Income	\$4	\$1,312
Other Designated Giving	\$1,000	\$1,570
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	\$12,402	\$121,213
Wages & other employment expenses	\$6,545	\$65,338
Church Operations/Program	\$261	\$4,876
Parsonage Expenses	\$534	\$7,419
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	\$90	\$5,423
Church Building-Utilities/Water	\$405	\$8,140
Church Building-All Other	\$571	\$9,426
Apportionments	\$2,074	\$20,740
Benevolences	\$0	\$405
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	\$10,479	\$121,767
Surplus (Shortage)	\$1,923	-\$554

There was a surplus of \$1,923 for the month of October 2015.  
Total for the year through 10/31/15 is a shortage of (\$554).

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,  
please contact Mary Connors at mechardball@yahoo.com.

**Annual Children's Christmas Tree Decorating Party** - On Saturday morning 12/12, from 10:00 am – 12:00. Come join us as we make decorations for the Christmas Tree in the Loomis room & some decorations to take home. There will be music, goodies & fun. Adults welcome, too!

**Birthday Party for Jesus** on 12/20 during coffee hour after church. Let's celebrate Jesus' birthday with cake & ice cream. "Gifts for Jesus" collected for Birthday Bags for Food Pantry & Jazzy Sun. See invitation for requested items or check with one of the Sunday School teachers.

**Consecration Sunday** – If you were unable to make it to service that day, a copy of the Pledge Card is included in this newsletter for an opportunity to give. Thank you for your support!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Card No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**MY COMMITMENT TO MY CHURCH**

In grateful recognition that all my time, treasure, and ability come from God, I gladly join with others in the support of Christ's church.

Per Week  Per Month  or \_\_\_\_\_   
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for local ministries, including worship, education, pastoral service, church care and upkeep, and the world outreach of the church.  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 This commitment may be adjusted by presenting your request to the church office.

Please complete and tear off this portion, retaining it as a reminder of your commitment to the work of Christ for the year \_\_\_\_\_  
 I made a commitment to:  
 Give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my church per  
 \_\_\_\_\_ week \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

**INCOME AND CHURCH SUPPORT**

The table printed below is intended to aid you in estimating your weekly gifts to the church, based on the incomes listed in the first column. Tithing (10%) has been the traditional standard of giving in the church.

My Commitment to My Church

Weekly Income	Weekly Tith (10%)	5%	7%	9%	11%	13%	15%	20%
50	5.00	2.50	3.50	4.50	5.50	6.50	7.50	10.00
100	10.00	5.00	7.00	9.00	11.00	13.00	15.00	20.00
200	20.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00	26.00	30.00	40.00
300	30.00	15.00	21.00	27.00	33.00	39.00	45.00	60.00
400	40.00	20.00	28.00	36.00	44.00	52.00	60.00	80.00
500	50.00	25.00	35.00	45.00	55.00	65.00	75.00	100.00
750	75.00	37.50	52.50	67.50	82.50	97.50	112.50	150.00
1000	100.00	50.00	70.00	90.00	110.00	130.00	150.00	200.00
1500	150.00	75.00	105.00	135.00	165.00	195.00	225.00	300.00
2000	200.00	100.00	140.00	180.00	220.00	260.00	300.00	400.00
3000	300.00	150.00	210.00	270.00	330.00	390.00	450.00	600.00
5000	500.00	250.00	350.00	450.00	550.00	650.00	750.00	1000.00