



***“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

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 13th. 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) or anyone on the Mission Committee.

Calendar

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

YWCA NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

Holiday Wish List of Donation Items

- ³⁵₁₇ new/unused Toys for any age (newborn to teens), craft and sports supplies are good for older children
- ³⁵₁₇ combs/brushes/hair accessories/curling irons/hair dryers
- ³⁵₁₇ manicure sets/nail polish/perfume
- ³⁵₁₇ appointment books/calendars/planners/journals
- ³⁵₁₇ wallets/purses/tote bags
- ³⁵₁₇ photo albums/picture frames
- ³⁵₁₇ umbrellas
- ³⁵₁₇ clock radios/alarm clocks
- ³⁵₁₇ rain jackets/boots for kids
- ³⁵₁₇ hygiene gift sets (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotions, body spray etc.) for adults and kids
- ³⁵₁₇ slippers for all ages
- ³⁵₁₇ socks for all ages
- ³⁵₁₇ underwear for all ages
- ³⁵₁₇ pajamas for women and children
- ³⁵₁₇ bathrobes for women and children
- ³⁵₁₇ gift certificates (Price Chopper, Price Rite, Hannaford, CVS, Rite Aid, Walmart, Target, Movie Theaters, Hair Salons)
- ³⁵₁₇ towels/wash clothes
- ³⁵₁₇ bed pillows/sheet sets/blankets
- ³⁵₁₇ 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	Total thru
	<u>2015</u>	<u>10/31/2015</u>
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
Total Operating Receipts	\$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
Total Operating Expenses	\$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 Tithe (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

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