

United Methodist Church (587-9544)  
North Rose, New York

November 28, 2010  
First Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” Fox

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

*(Please pass the Fellowship Folders to those seated next to you.)  
(If you have difficulty hearing, small earphones receptors from the sound system are available from the sound board operator.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP John 1: 1-5

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE “Peace be with you.” “And also with you.”

\*HYMNS OF PRAISE “I Saw the Light” “That Boy Child of Mary”

*( \* invites all who are able to stand to praise God)*

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9: 2-7 p. 593

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Gordon, April, & Megan Smith

SONG “Advent Song” *(back of hymnal—verse 1)*

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

*(Afterwards, kids age 3 through Grade 5 are welcome to go to J4J.)*

HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

ANTHEM “Will We Know Him?” Besig

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*

MISSION BANK OFFERING

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM “People, Look East” Handbells

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE “Christmas Promises: Light”

\*HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” p. 240

*(verses 1 & 3)*

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE “There’s a Song In the Air” Smith

We heartily welcome all visitors here this morning and hope you will return to worship with us again. Please sign the guest book by the front door.

Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be next Sat. Dec. 4, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. A delicious luncheon will also be served, along with tasty treats throughout the day. Workers at the bazaar are needed. Also items to be sold are gladly accepted. Please call Kim Sember (585-507-0327) if you are willing or interested in helping with the Bazaar.

All men in the church are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast Bible Study. It will be held this Thursday, December 2, at 7:30 a.m. at Nick's Restaurant. Separate checks—everyone orders what they wish. We'll be discussing Joel; our leader this month is Bud Smith.

The "Mitten Tree" is in the back of the sanctuary to gather mittens for the Utica Neighborhood Center through next Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Bring your store-bought and hand-made mittens for the children of the inner-city of Utica and hang them on the tree. (They can be purchased at the UMW Bazaar on Sat. Dec. 4!) Let us decorate it from top to bottom. They would also appreciate board or card games for youth ages 8-12 or story books for ages 8-12, these should be classics or stories of traditional family life. Also needed are Barbie and Ken dolls, wooden puzzles and fitted crib sheets. There will be a box for these items under the tree. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts. Any questions can be directed to Bud Smith – 483-8297

There are order forms for **Christmas poinsettias** on the table at the bottom of the stairs. (So that we can have all orders processed in time, please return them to Melissa Taber by Mon. Dec. 13.)

The sanctuary Christmas tree once again stands filled with the ornaments of our church families, past and present. If your family is not represented, we invite you to add yours to the tree anytime during the Christmas season. Simply fill out a tag from the basket below with the year and your family name & members. Then, attach the tag to your ornament and hang it on the tree. Ornaments, saved from year to year, fill our sanctuary trees with the love of our past church families as well as those of the present. (Some of the ornaments have lost their tags; if you gave an ornament in the past, you may want to check to make sure it has a tag.)

As snow season approaches, help with Sunday snow shoveling at the church entrances will again be needed this year. (Attention youth: this counts toward community service hours.) Please sign up for a Sunday... or more if you are able. Sign up is on the informational table in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Denise Patchen (587-4743). Many thanks, Board of Trustees.

J4J (“Joyful for Jesus”) is the name of our new children’s Sunday School program. J4J is for all youngsters age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It takes place during the worship service. Kids leave the service with Mrs. Bussard and the teachers following the “Time for Young Christians.” During the next 4 weeks, the Bible theme is “Follow the Star.” Each week the youngsters enjoy a different activity/learning center. All kids are welcome—come whenever you’re here!

The Christmas Poinsettias on the altar today are in loving memory of Robert S. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sidler, and Howard & Mildred Sidler, by Nina S. Johnson and Susan Darling.

Friendly NURSERY CARE for pre-school children is available anytime from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. It is located downstairs at the east end of the building.

You are invited to remain after the service and enjoy conversation with one another. Coffee is available downstairs in the fellowship hall—grab a cup.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Steve & Kim, Amelia Sember; Dick Seymour; Gloria Shay; Mindy Shear; Richie & Gail Sherman.

**FAITH HOME:** What would make your family’s Advent & Christmas preparations more spiritual? Talk together about a plan for focusing on Jesus’ birth during the coming month.

Today, we are receiving our Mission Bank offering. This offering helps support the work of 2 missionaries: Andrew Highland, our missionary at the United Methodist Westside Urban Mission in Syracuse, is responsible for outreach to the children & youth of this poverty-stricken neighborhood. Dr. Mark Zimmerman is Director of the new Nick Simons Institute for Rural Health in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Everyone is invited to a concert at Rose UMC, this Friday, December 3, at 6:30 pm. Sarah Heit and Nick Wojieck will be performing. A free-will offering will be taken.

We are planning to raise money for the 2011 Vacation Bible School by having bake sales every two months. Our next bake sale will be on Sunday, December 12. We need people to bake items for the sale and people to buy. Thanks for supporting this great event! Any questions, please see Jennifer McKown (587-2136).

There are lots of wonderful Christmas books & videos in our church library—there's something for everyone (from toddlers to adults). Feel free to check out a book by signing your name and the title of the book on the check-out list.

*Bathrooms are located downstairs, across from the kitchen.*

*The carillon will play in memory of Lois Anthony on Monday, November 29.*

**Today** – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. MS Youth: Advent

**Monday** – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal

**Tuesday** – 3:20 p.m. Jr. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday** – 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Nick's Restaurant  
"Joel," led by Bud Smith

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Saturday** – 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon

**Sun. Dec. 5** – Second Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion, Jr. Choir,  
Mitten Tree Deadline

9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class/ HS Youth/ Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship: "Christmas Promises: Forgiveness," Isaiah 40  
J4J – Joyful for Jesus (Children's Sunday School)

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. MS Youth: "Boston Q & A" (for parents & youth)

Mon. Dec. 6 – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal

Tues. Dec. 7 – 3:20 p.m. Jr. Choir Rehearsal