

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

December 19, 2010
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE "I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day" Wells

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Fellowship Folders to those seated next to you.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 4: 4-7

*PASSING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you." "And also with you."

*HYMNS OF PRAISE "Emmanuel" "The Snow Lay on the Ground"
(* invites all who are able to stand to praise God)

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11: 1-9 p. 595

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Jerry & Barb Friends and Harold & Elsie Teeple

SONG "Advent Song" (back of hymnal—verse 4)

ANTHEM "Angel Band" Jr. Choir

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Courtney Stewart-Flute

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

*CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High" p. 238
(verses 1 & 3)

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

ANTHEM "He Is Born, Emmanuel" Rosa Fox-Flute

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Christmas Night" Handbells

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE "Christmas Promises: Peace"

*CAROL "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" p. 218

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Rocking Carol" Thomas

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.

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.

A special word of thanks to Betty Whitmore for making the Advent wreath we are using each Sunday of Advent.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Grace Smith; June Smith; Kaylee Smith; Taylor Smith; Stafford & Sami Smith; Steve Smith.

FAITH HOME: Set up a family nativity scene, or draw pictures of the stable at Bethlehem the night Jesus was born and hang them up in your home.

J4J (“Joyful for Jesus”) is the name of our new children’s Sunday School program (age 3 through 5th grade), during the worship service. Kids leave the service following the “Time for Young Christians.” Our December 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! *(Please note that there will not be J4J next Sunday, December 26. We will have nursery for pre-schoolers; older children are invited to enjoy the worship led by our college students.)*

Pastor Dan will be on vacation, beginning Saturday, December 25, and continuing through Saturday, January 1. Bertha Alderman will be on vacation through Monday, January 3; the church offices will be closed during this time. If you need a pastor when Dan is away, please call our Visiting Ministry Team Leader: Carol Agnew (946-4093).

We are in need of for volunteers for Sunday snow shoveling at the church entrances. (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.

Bathrooms are located downstairs, across from the kitchen.

This Friday, December 24, we will have three **Candlelight Christmas Eve Services**. During each service, the story of Jesus' birth will be told through scripture, anthems, drama, and favorite carols. Pastor Dan will preach on "The Prayers of Christmas." Each service will end with candle lighting and the singing of "Silent Night."

5:30 p.m. will be a family service featuring the Junior Choir & Bell Ringers, with our J4J Sunday School kids presenting the nativity drama. Child care provided.

8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir & Adult Bell Ringers. Child care provided.

11:00 p.m. Christmas solos. Everyone will be invited to light small candles in the front of the sanctuary in memory of loved ones.

*Please invite your family & friends, neighbors & co-workers
to come to these special services.*

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Do you enjoy Christmas caroling? *Today* (Sunday, December 19), 6:00-7:30 p.m., we will walk through the village singing at homes and then return to the church for cookies & hot chocolate. Kids & adults are welcome! Please bring a flashlight with you.

All of the church officers have a mailfolder downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to check yours—you may have some Christmas mail.

Next Sunday, December 26, we will celebrate College Student Sunday, as our college students lead the morning worship service. Colton Gregg will be giving the message, "Christ for the City," about the mission trip he took to El Salvador, and other students will be leading the Time for Young Christians and the prayers. Afterwards, all the students are invited to Pastor Dan's for an Italian dinner at noon.

Christmastime is the perfect time to read a book with a child or to curl up on the couch and enjoy a good story yourself! Our church library is filled with Christmas books (and videos) for children, teens, families, and adults. Everyone is welcome to borrow books—just look over the selection on the red library table downstairs in the Fellowship Hall (and on the nearby bookshelves). Add your name and the title of the book to the clipboard on the red table—then enjoy the book for a week or two. When you return the book, just cross your name off the check-out list.

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time & Children’s Drama Rehearsal
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. All Church Christmas Caroling
(including all Middle School & High School youth)

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

Church Offices Closed until Tuesday, January 4

Tuesday – 3:20 p.m. Jr. Choir practice (Christmas Eve choir only)

Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday – 5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir practice

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—Jr. Choir & Drama

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—Chancel Choir & Adult Handbells

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—Christmas Solos & Handbells

Saturday – *Merry Christmas!*

Pastor Dan away for vacation through Saturday, January 1

Sun. Dec. 26 – College Student Sunday; Mission Bank Sunday

No J4J, Youth, or Adult Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Set Up

10:30 a.m. Worship: “Christ for the City,” Matthew 28: 16-20

Guest Speaker: Colton Gregg

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

12:00 p.m. Italian Dinner for College Students at Pastor Dan’s

6:00-7:30 p.m. MS Youth: Christmas Video, “Silent Night”

Tues. Dec. 28 – NO Jr. Choir Rehearsal

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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.

Would you like a set of dated offering envelopes for 2011? Please sign up on the list on the Upper Room table in the back of the church, and we will prepare a set for you.