

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

November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE "On Christmas Night" Paxton

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 Matthew 1: 23

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

*HYMNS OF PRAISE "His Name is Wonderful" "Emmanuel"

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

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Cary & Sharon Miner

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

SCRIPTURE Luke 1: 26-38 p. 887

SOLO "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord" Mary Anjo

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

ANTHEM "Sheep May Safely Graze" Handbells

MORNING PRAYER

MISSION BANK OFFERING

(Youth will collect gifts to support our Missions in Syracuse & Nepal.)

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Mary, Did You Know?" Lowry

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE "Mary, Did You Know?"

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

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.

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. Refreshments are available downstairs in the fellowship hall—please join us.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Dixie Castor; John Castor; Laura Castor; Ashley & Jessica, Olivia, Preston Caves; Brad Caves; Dawn Caves.

FAITH HOME: Each week we list an activity that you can enjoy as a family to help us all grow in faith. This week: make (or purchase) an Advent wreath. Choose a time during the week for a family candlelighting ceremony. Use the one in the church bulletin or pick up a different version on the church library table.

Today, we are receiving our Mission Bank offering. This offering helps support the work of missionaries: 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 the director of the Nick Simons Institute for Rural Health in Nepal.

The "Mitten Tree" will be in the front entry to gather mittens for the Utica Neighborhood Center until next Sunday, Dec. 4. Bring your store-bought and hand-made mittens for the children of the inner-city of Utica and hang them on the tree. 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

We are planning to raise money for the 2012 Vacation Bible School by having bake sales every two months. Our next bake sale will be on Sunday, December 11. 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 (871-6435).

The Christmas Bazaar is this Saturday, Dec. 3, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 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. Please help the UMWomen with the Christmas Luncheon and Sale on Sat. Dec. 3, by signing up to bring baked goods to sell (NO COOKIES). The sign up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall. We are also looking for your old jewelry to sell at the luncheon. There is a box in the fellowship hall for your donation. Thank you!

All men in the church are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast Bible Study. It will be held this Thursday, December 1, at 7:30 a.m. at Nick's Restaurant. Separate checks—everyone orders what they wish. Al LeGott will be leading us in our study of Luke 1 & 2.

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. 12.)

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 Steve Guthrie (587-4339). Many thanks, Board of Trustees.

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. MS Youth: “Advent—Preparing for Christmas”

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

Tuesday – 3:20 p.m. Jr. Choir Rehearsal
7:00-8:15 p.m. Praise Moves Informational Meeting

Thursday – 7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Bible Study, Nick’s Restaurant
“Luke 1 & 2,” led by Al LeGott
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon
1:00 p.m. HS Youth: Angel Tree Shopping

Sun. Dec. 4 – Second Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion, Jr. Choir,
Mitten Tree Deadline
9:15 a.m. MS & HS Youth/Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship: “O Holy Night,” Isaiah 9: 2-7
J4J – Joyful for Jesus (Children’s Sunday School)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. MS Youth

Mon. Dec. 5 – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal

Tues. Dec. 6 – 3:20 p.m. Jr. Choir Rehearsal

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

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Jen Martin is planning something new in January! It is called PraiseMoves. There will be an informational meeting about this Christian alternative to yoga. The meeting will be held this Tuesday, Nov. 29, 7:00-8:15 p.m. here in the Fellowship Hall. Jen will demonstrate what a class will be like. These classes will be held weekly in 2012. Men, women, students, seniors—all are welcome (ages 13 and up).

Bathrooms are located downstairs, across from the kitchen.