

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

November 30, 2014
First Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE *“English Carol Medley”* Hayes

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 37: 5

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Peace be with you.” “And also with you.”

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Jesus, Name Above All Names” “How Majestic Is Your Name”

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

SILENT PRAYER/PRAAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SCRIPTURE Luke 1: 5-23 p. 887

Gabriel: Noah Barnes Zechariah: Aaron Petrosino

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Greg & Lori Peck

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

Nursery care is also available for children age 3 and younger.)

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM *“Come, Lord Jesus”* Young

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE *“Prepare!”*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Consecration

Giving of the Bread and Cup

(We invite you to use this time for quiet meditation, so that all have time to draw closer to God and to enjoy the music by Lucy Smith.)

*Prayer after Receiving *(in unison)*:

You have given yourself to us, Lord,
Now we give ourselves for others.
Your love has made us a new people.
As a people of love we will serve you with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts;
Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *(sung by all)*

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

*POSTLUDE

“Ding! Dong! Merrily on High”

Hayes

We welcome those who love God and believe in Jesus Christ to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. We welcome people of all ages and religious denominations, since we believe that Christ lived and died for us all. We will receive Communion at the altar rail—feel free to kneel or stand. Please note that there is gluten-free bread available in the small white paper cups. We invite you to eat the bread and drink the grape juice as they are handed to you. You are welcome to remain at the altar rail to pray as long as you wish. Please come to the front following the direction of the ushers and return by the side aisles. If you would prefer to be served in the pew, let one of the ushers know.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Joshua Caves, Rylee, Logan; Ashley & Jessica, Olivia, Preston Caves; Robin & Brenda Caves.

FAITH HOME: Each week we will be listing an activity that you can enjoy as a family to help us all grow in faith. Play charades or Pictionary, with each family member drawing/acting out things they are thankful for.

UMW CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, this Sat., Dec. 6 from 9 am to 3 pm. Lots of help is needed. Volunteer or please say 'yes' if asked. Jan McDorman, Chairperson.

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.

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*Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this morning is:
Amelia Kaye Vincent, daughter of James & Holly Vincent.*

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The "Mitten Tree" will be in the front entry to gather mittens for the Utica Neighborhood Center until next Sun., Dec. 7. 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.

There will be a Bake Sale on Sun., Dec. 14, following the worship service, in the Fellowship Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase some special holiday treats! We're looking for lots of people to donate items for the Bake Sale and lots of shoppers, too! Proceeds from the Bake Sale will help with camperships, the mission trip to Kentucky, and the middle school youth group trip. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Audrey & Jill Walker.

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.)

We have lots of great Christmas books and videos—for young children, elementary aged kids, teens, and adults! Check out our church library, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All books may be borrowed for two weeks by signing them out on the clipboard or computer.

We have printed up copies of the praise music, which include the musical notes. If you would enjoy a copy, please pick it up on the Upper Room table in the back of the sanctuary.

As you may already know, our church elevator once again stopped functioning, this time with a very serious problem. The Church Council determined that the now very old and defunct elevator needs to be replaced. Steve Guthrie, Trustee Chairman, will look into replacement options for Board consideration, but how to pay for it is a primary concern. Currently, there is \$5500 in an Elevator Replacement Fund, which, of course, is insufficient. Therefore, we appeal to you, the members of our Church Family, to make a special contribution to this particular need. You may mail donations in or put them in the collection plates, and please be sure note “Elevator Fund” on checks and envelopes. Any and all contributions will be greatly appreciated and donations in someone’s memory or honor are always acknowledged. Thank you for your consideration of this need to keep our church accessible to all who wish to attend our services and activities.

Now that the days & nights are growing colder, we need your help to save on fuel costs. If you are in charge of an activity at the church, please make sure all interior doors & windows are closed when you leave, and that there is nothing blocking the heat registers. Also, it helps if you check to make sure all lights are off and there is no water left running.

Here’s an idea to save a little time (and money): deliver your Christmas cards to church friends using their mail folders. We have mail folders located in the fellowship hall by the choir room for each person who is a church officer. Please be sure you check your folder if you have one—you don’t want to miss out on Christmas greetings!

We have a prayer box on the small table in the back of the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to write prayer needs on a slip of paper and place them in the box. This prayer box is laid on the altar each Sunday. Pastor Dan takes the prayer requests home and continues to pray for these needs during the coming week. However, if you wish to keep your request known to God alone, just write “private” on the front, and Pastor Dan will not read it.

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. A sign-up sheet will be on the informational table in the Fellowship Hall soon, or contact Steve Guthrie (587-4339). Many thanks, Board of Trustees.

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Our thanks to Lucy Smith for sharing her musical talents with us today.

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
No MS Youth Group

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tuesday – *Giving Tuesday-Gifts to Advance Doubled*
No Cards & Games
3:20-4:30 p.m. Jr. Choir
No Trustees

Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. UMW Bazaar

Sun. Dec. 7 – Second Sunday of Advent; Mitten Tree Deadline
Jr. Choir, Blanket Sunday

9:15 a.m. Youth/Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship: “Serve!” Luke 1: 26-37

J4J – Joyful for Jesus (Children’s Sunday School)

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

6:00-7:30 p.m. MS Youth Group: Advent

Mon. Dec. 8 – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells; Christmas Flower Deadline

Tues. Dec. 9 – 3:20-4:30 p.m. Jr. Choir

7:00 p.m. SPRT

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Pastor: Rev. Dan Corretore Pastor's Office Assistant: Melissa Taber
Praise Music: Ken & Kim Dobbin Accompanist: Kim Dobbin
Organist: Jan McDorman Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson
Chancel & Bell Choir Director: Lucy Smith Custodian: Lois Loveless
 Jr. Choir Director: Lucinda Collier
Church Secretary: Mary Anjo Head Usher: Aaron Petrosino
Counters: Kathy Barnes, Donna Collins Greeter: Sharon Miner
Lay Reader: Noah Barnes, Aaron Petrosino Projectionist: Abby Hilbert
Nursery Coordinator: Kim Sember Sound: Garrett Coons
Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker Announcements: Mary Anjo
 Visiting Ministry Coordinators: Carol Agnew & Gloria Petrosino

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The bulletins are given in honor of the children and youth of our church and community by Charlie & Linda Tompkins.

There are order forms for **Christmas poinsettias** on the table at the bottom of the stairs in the Fellowship Hall. (So that we can have all orders processed in time, please return them to Melissa Taber by **Mon. Dec. 8.**) Thank you.

Our church web site is **<http://www.NorthRoseNYMethodist.com>**