

United Methodist Church (587-9544)
North Rose, NY

November 22, 2015
Thanksgiving Sunday

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PRELUDE "We Gather Together" Lau

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you." "And also with you."

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

"In Moments Like These" "Give Thanks"

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

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

SCRIPTURE Luke 15: 11-32

ANTHEM Jr. Choir

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

MISSION BANK OFFERING

(Kids will collect gifts for mission in Syracuse & Nepal)

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

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

*HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "People of God, Rejoice!" Besig

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE "Parable of the Forgiving Father"

*HYMN "We Praise You, O God"

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Rasley

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*The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Lucy Smith
in thanksgiving for sharing her musical talents with us.*

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FAITH HOME: Each week we list an activity that you can enjoy as a family to help us all grow in faith. Write a family Thanksgiving litany prayer (or pick up a copy of one from the library cart at church).

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week:
Jim & Nicole King, Lilyan, Ayden, Pierce, Justin, Brooke.

Today, we are receiving our Mission Bank offering. This offering helps support the work of missionaries: Olga Gonzalez, the director of the Westside Urban Mission in Syracuse—responsible for outreach to the children & youth of this poverty-stricken neighborhood, and Dr. Mark Zimmerman, the director of the Nick Simons Institute for Rural Health in Nepal.

We will be decorating our church sanctuary today, after the church service. Everyone is welcome to help with this preparation for the Advent season. Please come and help, stay for as long as you can - probably around an hour. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

For this upcoming Advent Season, the MS Youth Group is once again putting together bags for our shut-ins. Each bag will contain 25 small wrapped gifts, one for each day of Advent. We would like to give these bags as a gift to a person within our church to let them know that we are thinking of them during this Christmas Season. The gifts should be small articles that will fit into the bag easily, for example, small ornaments, trinkets, etc. We will need all items **wrapped and brought in by today**. If you should have any questions, please contact Roxie Walker. Thank you for your help and participation in this ministry; it will be a great blessing for our Elderly, as well as for us!!

Are you interested in a community-wide United Methodist Men's Group? Vern Pratt at Rose United Methodist Church is hoping to organize one. There will be a meeting tomorrow, Mon. Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. at Rose UMC for everyone who's interested.

The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Olivia Jean Norris on November 17, 2015. She is the daughter of Shawn & Julie Petrosino Norris and the little sister of Ellianna. She is the granddaughter of Aaron & Darcy Petrosino and the great-granddaughter of Homer & Rachel Porter.

Today following the service, we will put up our Christmas tree in the sanctuary. The tree will be decorated with ornaments shared by our church families, past and present. We invite you to add an ornament to the tree from your family anytime during the Christmas season. Simply fill out a tag from the glass dish 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 tree with the love of our past church families as well as those of the present.

Every year many beautiful poinsettias adorn the Sanctuary of the Church on Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve. Again this year, you have the opportunity to purchase Memorial Plants for the holidays. For those who wish, we also welcome donations in memory or honor of someone at Christmas, without the purchase of a poinsettia. These memorial gifts will also be included in the list of Christmas memorials. These donations (any amount of your choosing) will support the ministries of our church. Order forms are on the table at the bottom of the stairs in the Fellowship Hall and also in the back of the church on the devotional table. (So that we can have all orders processed in time, please return them to Melissa Taber by **Mon. Dec. 7.**) Thank you.

Soon, the "Mitten Tree" will be in the front entry to gather mittens for the Utica Neighborhood Center until Sunday, Dec. 6th. 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.

SAVE THE DATE! Santa's Workshop (formerly known as the UMW Bazaar) Sat., Dec. 5 from 9 am to 3 pm. Lots of help is needed. Volunteer or please say 'yes' if asked.

NURSERY care is available for babies, toddlers & pre-schoolers. It is located downstairs (east end of the building).

There are extra copies of the praise music located on the Upper Room rack.

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The Carillon will play in memory of Lois Anthony on Nov. 29.

Today – 11:30 a.m. Church Decorating
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
6:00-7:30 p.m. MS Youth Group: "Advent" (Advent Bags)

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Community-wide UM Men at Rose UMC

Tuesday – 3:20-4:30 p.m. Jr. Choir
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday – **Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving**

Friday – **Church Offices Closed**
1:00-5:00 p.m. Private Party

Saturday – 1:00-4:00 p.m. Private Party

Sun. Nov. 29 – First Sunday of Advent; Handbells
9:15 a.m. Youth/Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship: "The Light of Hope" Isaiah 40: 1-11
J4J – Joyful for Jesus (Children's Sunday School)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
6:00-7:30 p.m. Explorers (Confirmation Class)
No MS Youth Group

Mon. Nov. 30 – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tues. Dec. 1– 1:00-4:00 p.m. Cards & Games
3:20-4:30 p.m. Jr. Choir

Pastor: Rev. Dan Corretore
Church Secretary: Mary Anjo
Praise Music: Ken & Kim Dobbin
Organist: Jan McDorman
Chancel & Bell Choir Director: Lucy Smith
Jr. Choir Director: Lucinda Collier
Visiting Ministry Coordinator: Ann Stevens
Head Usher: Aaron Petrosino
Counters: Dolly Salerno, Rachel Tompkins
Nursery Coordinator: Kim Sember
Projectionist: Abby Hilkert

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Diane Walker
Pastor's Office Assistant: Melissa Taber
Accompanist: Kim Dobbin
Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson
Custodian: Lois Loveless
Signer: Rachel Guthrie
Sound: Garrett Coons
Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker
Greeter: Johanne West
Announcements: Mary Anjo
Lay Reader: Multiple Readers

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Would you like a copy of Pastor Dan's sermon? When possible, he's posting them to our church web site Just go to the tab "Info Center" and click on "sermons."

\$2,474.00 Last Sunday's receipts for our Operating Budget
\$3,498.17 Average weekly receipts needed
66 Last Sunday's attendance.