

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

November 29, 2015
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 1 Corinthians 7: 17

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

“All Hail King Jesus” “Emmanuel”

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

SILENT PRAYER/PRAAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40: 1-11 p. 619

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Kelley, Lannon & Lauren Loveless

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.)*

*HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

ANTHEM “Advent Hope” Martin

MORNING PRAYER

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM “People, Look East” Handbell Choir

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE

“The Light of Hope”

*HYMN

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

p. 251 (vs. 1, 3)

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Rise up, Shepherd, and Follow”

Hayes

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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.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Randy & Jill Kise; Harlei Kise; Ken Kise; David & Diane Klein, Jordan, Braden.

FAITH HOME: Each week we will be listing an activity that you can enjoy as a family to help us all grow in faith. 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.

This Saturday **Santa's Workshop** (formerly known as the bazaar) will take place from 9 to 3. New this year is a continental breakfast from 9-11 with lunch running from 11:30-1:00. We still need volunteers for cleanup. Also we need donations of Christmas decorations, crafts, baked goods, attic treasures and jewelry. No clothing or furniture. Donations accepted Tues., Dec. 1 through Thurs. Dec. 3. Wed., Dec. 2 from 4 pm 'til, we will be putting together our greens arrangements. Please come out and help. You do not need to be artistic to do these. Thanks in advance and hope to see you at the workshop!

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.

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

There are order forms for **Christmas poinsettias** on the table at the bottom of the stairs in the Fellowship Hall & in the back of the sanctuary. (So that we can have all orders processed in time, please return them to Melissa Taber by **Mon. Dec. 7.**) Thank you.

Have you heard of “Giving Tuesday,” the Tuesday after Thanksgiving? This year, it is Tues. Dec. 1, and you are invited to extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season by participating in [UMC #GivingTuesday](#). The United Methodist Church has a mission fund called “The Advance.” You can choose a mission to support, from more than 800 United Methodist-related mission projects and more than 300 missionaries. Here’s the amazing thing: every gift made online through The Advance on Dec. 1 2015 [between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. Central Time (CT)] will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to a total of \$1 million. If you would like to participate, simply use this link (www.umcmmission.org/give) to make your donation on December 1. [This link works all year long; however only Tuesday, December 1, will your gifts be doubled.] Or, if you would like to give to “Africa 360,” please see insert for more info. Thank you.

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.)

There will be a Bake Sale on Sunday, December 13, 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 cost of Vacation Bible School. Thanks for your support! For more

information contact Cindy Conboy, faithwaltz@yahoo.com

Our annual **Angel Tree Project** has started. Gift tags and a sign-up poster is in the back of the sanctuary to sign up for food items to be included in our giving. Very Important!!! All food items and gifts (wrapped with the gift tag attached on top) must be returned to church no later than **Friday, December 18**, for sorting and distributing. Please call Lori Peck with any questions. (587-9766 or llpeck3@hotmail.com).

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

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
6:00-7:30 p.m. Explorers (Confirmation Class)
No MS Youth Group

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tuesday – *Giving Tuesday-Gifts to Advance Doubled*
1:00-4:00 p.m. 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. Santa's Workshop (UMW Bazaar)

Sun. Dec. 6 – Second Sunday of Advent; Holy Communion; Jr. Choir
Communion Music: Rosa Fox & Lucy Smith; Mitten Tree Deadline
9:15 a.m. Youth/Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship: "The Light of Peace" Isaiah 11: 1-9
J4J – Joyful for Jesus (Children's Sunday School)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
6:00-7:30 p.m. MS Youth Group: Movie Night/Parent Meeting

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

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

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Pastor: Rev. Dan Corretore
Church Secretary: Mary Anjo

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Diane Walker
Pastor's Office Assistant: Melissa Taber

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: Donna Collins, Chris Galek
Nursery Coordinator: Kim Sember
Projectionist: Abby Hilkert

Accompanist: Kim Dobbin
Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson
Custodian: Lois Loveless
Signer: Rachel Guthrie
Sound: Garrett Coons
Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker
Greeter: Linda Tompkins
Announcements: Mary Anjo
Lay Reader: Colleen Anthony

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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!

\$9,015.00 Last Sunday's receipts for our Operating Budget

\$3,498.17 Average weekly receipts needed

121 Last Sunday's attendance.