

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time & Bake Sale (benefits VBS)
3:00-5:00 p.m. Holiday Concert @ Wolcott Presbyterian Church
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. MS Youth: Program: “Gifts”

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal
Poinsettia Order Deadline

Tuesday – 3:20 p.m. Jr. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Newsletter Deadline for January/February

Friday – *Angel Tree Project Deadline*

Saturday – 9:00 a.m. *Angel Tree Project packing*

Sun. Dec. 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent, Jr. Choir, Adult Handbells
9:15 a.m. MS & HS Youth/Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship: “Angels We Have Heard on High,” Luke 2: 8-20
J4J – Joyful for Jesus (Children’s Sunday School)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. MS Youth: All Church Christmas Caroling
(including all Middle School & High School youth)

Mon. Dec. 19 – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal
Church Offices Closed through Monday Jan. 2

Tues. Dec. 20 – No Jr. Choir Rehearsal

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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
Nursery Ember Hilkert Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker
Chancel & Bell Choir Director: Lucy Smith Greeter: Kathleen Quereau
Projection: Jr. Choir Director: Lucinda Collier
Counters: Barbara Anthony & Kathy Barnes Custodian: Brad Caves
Visiting Ministry Coordinators: Carol Agnew & Gloria Petrosino
Lay Reader: Shannon LaClair Head Usher: Dave Fremouw
Church Secretary: Bertha Alderman Announcements: Mary Anjo

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Trying to find a meaningful gift for someone? Please consider our church’s Alternative Gift Program. Copies of the pamphlet may be picked up from the “Upper Room” table in the back of the church. There are many options for gifts that will help in places of need. Please contact Bud Smith (483-8297, budnlucys@rochester.rr.com) if you have questions.

United Methodist Church (587-9544) December 11, 2011
North Rose, New York Third Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE “Christmas Day” Butler
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 Lamentations 3: 25-26

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*HYMNS OF PRAISE “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

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

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40: 1-11 p. 619

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Ember, Noah, Abby & Ella Hilkert

SONG “Advent Song” *(back of hymnal—verse 3)*

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

MORNING PRAYER

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM “Soon the Messiah Will Come” Besig
Rosa Fox - Flute

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE “Comfort”

SOLO “All Is Well” Noah Barnes

*CAROL “What Child Is This?” p. 219

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” Fox

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.

Everyone is invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall following worship for refreshments.

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.

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

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.

Today is our Bake Sale for the 2012 Vacation Bible School There are wonderful deserts for you to pick up! Thanks for supporting this great event! Any questions, please see Jennifer McKown (871-6435).

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Tara Caves, Jaden, Elliott, Sophia Bush; Tracey, Ridley, Madison Chandler; Ella Cherry.

FAITH HOME: This week make candy cane cookies and talk together about the religious meaning of the candy cane. (Recipe is on the church library table.)

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 tomorrow, 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's names. 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.

A Free Holiday Concert! Today, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Wolcott. An Afternoon with Jeff Sawyer and guest soloists including Kelley Loveless & Noah Barnes.

Bathrooms are located downstairs, across from the kitchen.

Our annual **Angel Tree Project** concludes this week. Tags are located in the back of the sanctuary detailing gifts to be purchased, wrapped and brought back to church. A sign-up poster is also 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) must be returned to church no later than **this Friday, December 16**, for sorting and distributing (note this new date for the collection). Please contact Lori Peck with any questions. (587-9766 or llpeck3@hotmail.com).

Do you enjoy Christmas caroling? Next Sunday, December 18, 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.

Saturday, Dec. 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 "Home For 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 choirs. Everyone is welcome to light small candles in the front of the sanctuary in memory of loved ones.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

On **Christmas Sunday, December 25, at 10:30 a.m.**, we will have a special worship service, including favorite Christmas carols. Since several of the Chancel choir members will be away, we are inviting anyone who likes to sing—young, old, and anyone in between—to come and sing the familiar song, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Percussionist Nolan Anthony will be lending his expertise on drums to the accompaniment. We will rehearse at 9:45 a.m. It is suggested that singers wear a red or white top (NO choir robes). Come join us in this "Candy Cane Choir" as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Sunday snow shovelers (for the church entrances) are needed! Please sign up for a Sunday... or more if you are able. Sign up is on the information table in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Steve Guthrie.