



Robert McClure United Church Christmas Newsletter

As we journey through Advent we're going to bring hope to the people, make peace in our world, bring joy to the world and give love that's for everyone – unconditionally! And may God's voice through us be heard. As we look to one another we will deepen our understanding of the story of the birth of Christ while deepening our own spiritual journey.

Joy
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Advent I

Candle of Hope Service with Communion

Sunday December 1 at 10:30 am

Decorating Party following Worship. There will be hot dogs, crafts and decorating the church and tree in anticipation of Christmas. Bring a favourite treat to share for dessert.

UCW Candlelight Service & Party

Monday December 2 at 7 pm in the library. Whoever you are, just as you are, you are invited. The evening begins with a Candlelight Worship and then we share in food, fun and fellowship. Please bring an unwrapped pair of socks to exchange filled with personal items for the Food Pantry. And a small wrapped gift for the 'dice' game and a dessert to share. We will also find out more about Sunshine Friends. More info: Barb Humphrey 403-852-5245

Senior's Afternoon

Thursday December 5 from 12-2 pm in the sanctuary. Join in the Christmas fun along with eating and visiting.

Advent II

Candle of Peace Service

Sunday December 8 at 10:30 am

Carolling – St. Theresa Place

Wednesday December 11th at 10:30 am. Join us at St. Theresa Place (10 Redstone Place NE)

Wednesday Evening Learning Circle (WELC)

November 27, December 6, 13, and 20 at 7 pm in the library. Come join the learning circle for our 2019 Advent Study: Light of the World by Amy-Jill Levine. A six-week program which means we must begin in November in order to finish before Christmas! There is a charge of \$10 for a text book. More info: Barb Lough: bylough@telus.net

Advent III

Candle of Joy Worship Service

Sunday December 15th at 10:30 am
An all-ages family worship service and Christmas Pageant told by the animals!

This is our White Gift Sunday service. The Wonder Kids will take a special 'noisy offering'. This offering is so named because of the loud clang the coins make as they are dropped into a tin pot. This offering will go towards the Food Pantry.

Carolling – Monterey Place

Sunday December 15 at 1:30 pm. Join us at Monterey Place (4288 Catalina Blvd NE)

Advent IV

Candle of Love Worship Service

Sunday December 22 at 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Tuesday December 24th

Family Service at 7 pm

A lively service for all ages with storytelling, Christmas carols and jingle bells.

Candlelight Service at 9 pm

A more traditional, reflective service with a sermon, communion and candles.

Worship Service

Sunday December 29 at 10:30 am

As the journey continues we worship with stories and carols.

The Meaning of White Gifts

Advent is a time of anticipation, waiting and preparing for the coming of baby Jesus. It's also a time for giving. In our church we celebrate giving through our White Gifts which are a humble way to reflect on the love and devotion of the giver and not the value of the gift.

This year we will support **Food Pantry**.

We are suggesting that you make a 15 day Advent Box. Each day add an item to the Advent box. On White Gift Sunday donate the contents to the Food Pantry. We challenge you to fill a box but all gifts will be graciously received.

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| Dec 1 – scarves | Dec 9 – can of tuna |
| Dec 2 – bag of lentils | Dec 10 – bag of rice |
| Dec 3 – toothbrush | Dec 11 – lip balm |
| Dec 4 – socks | Dec 12 – hats |
| Dec 5 – toothpaste | Dec 13 – Kleenex |
| Dec 6 – pasta | Dec 14 – hand lotion |
| Dec 7 – spaghetti sauce | Dec 15 – peanut butter |
| Dec 8 – mittens | |

The Food Pantry also needs Adult bus tickets, Coop gift cards and Tim Horton's gift cards. Remember to use a white box or white bag for your gifts and bring them to the White Gift Worship Service on December 15.

Food Pantry volunteers:

