

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL  
UNITED CHURCH  
November 20th, 2022  
Stewardship Sunday**

Upcoming dates

Nov 20 - today - Stewardship Sunday - Debbie Aitken  
Nov 23 - 6:30 - Official Board - in person meeting  
Nov 27 - Advent 1 - Sacrament of Holy Communion - Debbie Aitken  
Dec 2nd and 3rd - Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale & Cafe  
(Saturday morning)  
Dec 4 - Advent 2 - Debbie Aitken  
Dec. 11 - Advent 3 - White Gift and Sunday School Pageant  
Dec. 16 - Seniors' Meal  
Dec. 18 - Advent 4 - Mark Tiller  
Dec. 24 - 6:30 - Christmas Eve Service - Debbie Aitken  
Dec 25 - no service this day  
Jan 1 - New Years Day - Debbie Aitken

\* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of Christ Candle

Life & Work of the Community

\*Hymn It Is A Song of Praise

MV 30

We Gather to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Minute for Mission Margaret Brady

\*Hymn I'm Gonna Shout

MV 183

A Story for all Ages

Scripture Readings Maureen MacLeod

Exodus 16:1-11

Psalms 78:1-7 Pt 1

Matthew 20:1-16

816VU

Sermon "A Life of Generosity"

\*Hymn I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

509VU

Offering

Anthem

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn Draw the Circle Wide

MV 145

Commissioning and Benediction

\*Sending Forth When You Walk from Here

298VU

Next Week's reading are; 1st of Advent; Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

**Please remember the Breakfast program. They require;**

Juice boxes - Orange or apple  
Granola bars - plain or cinnamon  
Jam  
Cheese Whiz  
Pancake mix

*We have chosen Emma's Cupboard as our Christmas Project and we welcome financial gifts to help support their care of children in our schools. As well as monetary gifts to buy food supplies for lunches for children, gifts such as mittens and hats for children in need of them are welcomed.*

**Next Sunday begins the Season of Advent.** Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity, and is part of the wider Christmas and holiday season.

The term "Advent" is also used in Eastern Christianity (including Eastern Orthodoxy, Eastern Lutheranism and Eastern Catholicism) for the 40-day Nativity Fast, which has practices different from those in the West.

The name was adopted from Latin *adventus* "coming; arrival", translating Greek *parousia*. In the New Testament, this is the term used for the Second Coming of Christ. Thus, the season of Advent in

the Christian calendar anticipates the "coming of Christ" from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the eschatological Second Coming.

Practices associated with Advent include keeping an Advent calendar, lighting an Advent wreath, praying an Advent daily devotional, erecting a Christmas tree or a Chrismon tree, lighting a Christingle, as well as other ways of preparing for Christmas, such as setting up Christmas decorations, a custom that is sometimes done liturgically through a hanging of the greens ceremony. The equivalent of Advent in Eastern Christianity is called the Nativity Fast, but it differs in length and observances, and does not begin the liturgical church year as it does in the West. The Eastern Nativity Fast does not use the equivalent parousia in its preparatory services.

Our offering plate is located near the sanctuary doors. Please place your contributions there, since we will not be taking an offering as we have in the past. It's one way to be mindful of the Covid restrictions.

Montague Food Bank Items need on a regular basis: canned meats and fish, soup, cereal, side and main dishes, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, crackers, condiments, unscented toiletries and pet food, feminine hygiene products, monetary donations to purchase fresh food.

PAR, or Pre-Authorized Remittance, is a direct debit program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. Contact Maureen MacLeod if you are interested in contributing to our church through our PAR. Sure makes giving easier!

Choir will have its weekly meeting next Thursday, 1:30 p.m. at the church. All are welcome

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