

## CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*Please send your announcements to the church office by Wednesday.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Today: Carolling & Christmas Cheer Basket Delivery
- Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>: Choir Practice at 6:30pm
- Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>: Longest Night Service, 7pm at St. John's Anglican Church
- Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>: Handbell practice at 10am

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**Carolling & Cheer Basket Delivery:** We will be meeting at Dawn & Jamie's house (382 Lincoln Street) at 1:00pm today, December 14<sup>th</sup>, to carpool and head out to deliver our Christmas Cheer Baskets. After carolling you are invited back to the house for hot cider and cookies. Looking forward to spreading some Christmas Cheer this afternoon!

**Sunday December 21st , 10:30am service** - Our Central choir and friends are looking forward to sharing the cantata "Love Came Down at Christmas" by Joel Raney, on the fourth Sunday of Advent. It is a lovely cantata celebrating God's hope, peace, joy and love in words and song. Bring your friends! All are welcome!

**2026 Canadian Church Calendars** are available now for \$12 each. Please see Carol in the church office if you would like to purchase one.

**Sock & Mitten Tree:** Throughout Advent we will be collecting donations of new socks and mittens for Souls Harbour in Bridgewater. These can be placed in the basket at the front of the sanctuary.

**Festive Family Skate:** Central United and the churches of Lunenburg are sponsoring a festive skate at the Lunenburg Arena on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:15-7:30pm. Hot chocolate and cookies provided! Come, even if you don't skate - all are welcome!

**The Longest Night:** The Christmas season is often marked by expressions of joy, excitement, and happiness. But that's not how it feels for many people. Maybe your year has been hard and Christmas seems to highlight the difficulties. Or maybe in an over-busy life, you just want space to reflect, recall, regroup. Whatever the reason, whatever the need, you are welcome to an ecumenical service of comfort and hope on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg. Organized by all the churches of Lunenburg.

### **Advent-at-Home Kits**

A reminder that if you're looking for a spiritual practice to accompany you this Advent, there are Advent-at-Home kits at the back of the sanctuary. Following our theme of "making room", these kits, which include prayers, scriptures, symbols, and prompts for reflection, will invite you to make room in your home and your lives for a little more hope, peace, joy and love this season.

**Making Room for Solidarity This Advent:** Inspired by the image of the manger, this Advent, we are asking the question: "How can we make room... for hope, for peace, for love and for joy?" In keeping with this theme, and in recognition of the ongoing war and violence taking place in the Holy Land today, we have made room for those who are seeking to be in solidarity with the people of Palestine and Israel this Advent and Christmas season. At the back of the sanctuary, you will find a space with a variety of activities that you are invited to engage with over the coming weeks, should you feel the need. There are candles that can be lit, prayers that can be taken home, books you can borrow, and more. Please feel free to explore this space as and when you need. It will remain throughout the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

**Fair Trade Olive Oil for Sale:** On the table at the back of the sanctuary, we are also selling fair trade Palestinian olive oil this Advent and Christmas season. This oil directly contributes to the livelihood of those living in Palestine and Israel today, and is another tangible way we can be in solidarity with the people of the Holy Land this holiday season. *Pick some up for yourself or as a Christmas gift for a friend! Each bottle is \$30.*

**Offering Envelopes:** 2026 offering envelopes are now available for pick-up at the back of the church. If you would like to receive a box of envelopes, or join PAR, please contact Carrol in the church office.

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