CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Sunday, November 22nd, 2026

Please send your announcements to the church office by Wednesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wednesday, November 25th: Choir practice at 6:30pm
- Thursday, November 26th: Handbell practice at 10:00am
- Thursday, November 26th: Sanctuary decorating at 7:00pm
- Saturday, November 28th: Lunenburg Christmas Parade:meet at 1:30pm
- Sunday, November 29th: 1st Sunday of Advent with Communion 10:30
- Wednesday, December 2nd: Soup & Chowder Luncheon 11:30-1:00
- Saturday, December 5th: Men's Supper in the hall at 6:00pm

The Lunenburg Christmas Parade - Nov 28

The elves have been busy, and we are in the final stages of construction:

- **Nov 22 (today)** - decorating the float - immediately following the celebration service -15 Kissing Bridge Road
- **Nov 28 - 1:15pm** meet at The Ernst's (382 Lincoln Street) to be ready for 1:30pm parade departure from that location.
    - Wearing Santa hats is encouraged ;)
    - Those interested in the morning of the parade final float preparations please speak with Meghan, Christy or Natasha for details.

Thank you to everyone who has donated cash, time, talent and/or supplies! Another thank-you to Miriam and Graham for their garage, aka the elves workshop!

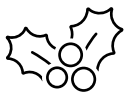
Benevolent Fund: On the last Sunday of the month, we invite folks to bring in donations for our Benevolent Fund and place them in the red offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. This fund is used to support urgent and emerging needs in our community, such as assisting people with paying bills, buying groceries, and more. Donations of $5 or more receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. Thank you to all who are able to support this important ministry!

2027 Calendars: Celebrate United Churches across Canada! Focusing on the theme of 65 years of United Church Women, this bilingual calendar features colourful photos from communities of faith across the country. Calendars are available for purchase at the back of the sanctuary for $10 each.

Improving Accessibility, Strengthening Community: One of the priorities from our retreat day, held last March, was a desire to make our sanctuary space more accessible and functional. In an effort to do this, a group of interested people from the congregation have met to explore different options. Many of those who attended last March favoured removing some pews, so the task group has chosen to start with this. We are fortunate to have lots of space. In the next few weeks, we will be removing three pews from the back nearest the coffee area. This will provide more space for the welcome this area provides. There will also be two half pews removed closer to the front - one on each side. This will provide more options for those with accessibility challenges. We are also exploring options to improve the church entrance. Stay tuned! If you have any questions about this project, please contact the members of this task group - Iris Cosh, Shirley Zinck, Shelley Mann, Carolyn McAllister, Anne Burgess.

Church Newsletter: The finishing touches are being put together on our next newsletter, which will share all of the important dates for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season. Keep an eye on your inbox towards the end of the week. (Some paper copies will also be available next Sunday in the sanctuary).

Decorating the Sanctuary: Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 26th at 7:00pm. We will be gathering to decorate the church for Christmas. Come help if you can – the more elves the merrier!



In the community:

You're invited to join us for live music with the band Runnin' on MT in support of renovations at Sherbrooke Lake Church Camp on **Fri, Nov.27th at 7:00** at St. John's United Church, 5540 HWY332, Middle LaHave. Free will donations accepted and light snacks provided.

On **Wednesday, December 2nd**, Trinity United Church in Mahone Bay is hosting the third annual **Youth Arts & Crafts Market from 4:30-7:00pm.** All ages are welcome to attend and admission is free. Vendors and musicians are in grades 6-12. Hot drinks and treats will be sold in support of the youth group program. Come support local young crafters and artists while you shop for the holidays! (Artists/crafters in grades 6-12 can book a free table by emailing mahonebayyouth@gmail.com)

Winter Song: Celebrating Light, Hope, and Seasonal Traditions. Blending the mature harmonies of the adult choir with the energy of young singers, the program spans centuries of winter music, from traditional carols to contemporary choral folk and indie-pop works. The repertoire will evoke fireside warmth, winter's stark beauty, returning light, holiday joy, and the powerful sense of community created when singers of different generations come together. The **South Shore Chorale** with guests, the **LaHave River Youth Choir**, presents ***Winter Song*** on Dec 5th at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mahone Bay at 2:30pm and Dec 6th at Bridgewater United Church, at 2:30pm. Tickets online at Ticketpro or at the door. Adults $20, Students $10, children under 12 free.

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