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**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Ministry Team:** *Reverend Jeff Chant and Angela Clifton*

**Organist & Choir Director:** *Wendy Fraser*

**Audio Visual Technician:** *Ewart Morse*

**Sound Engineer:** *Dave Doggett*

 **December 9, 2018 10:30am** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*The asterisk (\*) indicates the congregation may stand, as they can. The print in* ***BOLD*** *is where the congregation participates.*

Organ Prelude: Wake, Awake for the Night is Flying

*written by Johann G. Walther*

Piano Prelude: Pat-A-Pan *written by Bernard de la Monnoye*

**\*Gathering Song: # 18 VU – There’s a Voice in the Wilderness (Verse 1)**

Welcome and Announcements

\*Invitation to Worship

\*Lighting of the Inclusivity Candles *by Bob and Bea Zinck*

\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath *by Sandy Emenau and Aila Sarty*

**\*Advent Chorus: # 7 VU – Hope Is a Star (Verses 1 & 2)**

Video: “In God’s Story Everyone Is Special”

\*Opening Songs

 Let Your Light Shine Bright

 Closer

Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn and Gifts Received: # 64 VU - O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Presentation of Angel Tree Gifts

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Prayer of Peace

Musical Offering *sung by Morag Frelick and Margaret Naugler*

Centering

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Silent Reflection

Musical Offering *sung by Morag Frelick and Margaret Naugler*

Prayers of the Community

**\*Hymn: # 36 VU – Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

\*Extinguishing The Candles

\*Commissioning And Benediction

**\*Choral Blessing: # 37 VU – Gloria (Glory to God) (2x)**

Postlude: Song of the Bells *written by John M. Rasley*

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***The church bulletins are given to the glory of God,***

***and in loving memory of brothers; Donald and James***

***and sisters; Lucille and Helen, and parents,***

***Gordon and Idella Cook and Allister and Evelyn Seamone,***

***gift of Everett and Margaret Anne and family.***



**BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH**

**WANTS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU!**

We try to make every effort to keep our congregation informed of the events that occur at Bridgewater United Church. It would be most helpful to Bridgewater United Church, if you followed the suggestions below to make sure that you are as up-to-date with news as possible.

1. Please pass along your email to the Church Office at buc@tallships.ca, so that you can be added to congregational emails regarding events, services and storm closures.

2. Check out our website at [www.bridgewaterunited.ca](http://www.bridgewaterunited.ca) for information about our Church, Event Calendar, Church Council Minutes, Church Bulletin, Worship Service Audio Recordings, Sermons and so much more.

3. Find us and like us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/BridgewaterUnitedChurch?ref=hl>

4. The Church Office wants to remind members of the congregation,

if the worship service is cancelled, an announcement will be placed on CKBW

(98.1 FM), on the church’s website at www.bridgewaterunited.ca and

the church phone message will state the cancellation by 9:00am.



This Week at Bridgewater United

**This Sunday: SECOND OF ADVENT ANGEL TREE SUNDAY**

 **10:30am** Worship & Sunday School **11:30am** BUC Combined Choir

**Monday: 6:30pm** Scouts **7:00pm** Men’s Choir

**Tuesday: 7:00pm** UCW Christmas Meeting at Ruth Rudderham’s

**Wednesday: 6:30pm** Beavers **6:00pm** Senior Choir at Wendy Fraser’s

**Thursday: 1:30pm** Advent Study **6:30pm** Cubs

 **7:00pm** Property Committee

 **7:00pm** Ministry and Personnel Committee

**Friday: 7:00pm** Finance Committee at Blake Hirtle’s

**Saturday: 10:00am-3:00pm** BUC Quilters ~ All Are Welcome

 **3:00pm-6:00pm** Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal

**Next Sunday:** **THIRD OF ADVENT**

 **9:00am** Senior Choir **10:00am** Coffee, Tea and Conversation

 **10:30am** Worship **11:30am** Sunday School Christmas Luncheon

Dedications

***Christmas Flowers and Poinsettias are given to the glory of God,***

***and in loving memory of:***

*Husband and father, Robert B. Smith, and parents and grandparents,*

*Newman and Daisy Smith and Arnold and Sylvia Crouse, gift of wife, Elizabeth and family.*

*and*

*The poinsettia in front of the candle arrangement is given in memory of Bob Rudderham,*

*gift of his wife, Ruth and family.*

*The Christmas Wreath is given by the Browne and Hall family,*

*in loving memory of Vera and Russell Hall.*

*The Christmas Wreath is given by Marguerite Zwicker,*

*in loving memory of husband, Byron.*

Congregational News

Confirmation classes (Grade 8 and up) will be held in the New Year at Bridgewater United Church. Everyone is welcome. For information, please phone Angela Clifton at (902) 543-6854 or by confidential email at aclifton@eastlink.ca.

Please contact Angela Clifton; Pastoral Care Minister at (902) 543-6854, (902) 521-7040 or by confidential email at aclifton@eastlink.ca with pastoral concerns or needs.

Donations of Christmas plants for the Sanctuary are most welcomed. Dedications need to be in by Thursday morning of each week to ensure inclusion in the bulletin.

The December Church Calendaris found on your Christmas letter.

The Finance Committee is looking for four volunteers to join our Offering Counting Teams. For more information, please speak to Blake Hirtle at (902) 543-9813.

Fundraising Opportunities

BUC Trustees’ Grocery Card Sale will be held on December 30th after Worship in the Narthex. Take a few minutes for our efficient Ways and Means team to help you support our church. Choose from $50 and $100 activated cards. Speed it up by filling out the order form and your cheque. Cards will be in your hand super-fast!

2018 Canadian Church Calendars, *“Faith, Hope, and Love”* are available in the Church Office weekday mornings from 9:30am-1:00pm for $8.00. *Proceeds go to the UCW*.

Thank You

The Ways and Means Pie Factory made a record 284 pies and made over $1,600 for our church. Thanks to our buyers for their support. Next year, our “workers’ union” will be looking for more helpers and reminders will be sent out 😊

Ways and Means Grocery Card Fundraiser resulted in 26 participants from our Congregation, Bridgewater Day Care, Wee Wisdom Nursery School and the Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Bank, who ordered $20,000 worth and the Trustees’ ordered $20,000 for their new monthly sale. Our Church’s profit was $1,930. December 30th and January 27th activated cards of $50 and $100 will be sold after worship on those dates. Thank you to all that participated.

Fellowship With Our Church Family

UCW Christmas Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00pm at the home of Ruth Rudderham. Annual Reports are due at this time.

Outreach Opportunities

The Salvation Army has two weeks left of their Kettle Campaign and they need volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at a kettle, please call (902) 543-0356.

Donations of non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Food Bank are greatly appreciated. The Food Bank has highlighted monthly needs, but donations are not limited to them. For December, there is a request for Pasta Sauce (680ml.) We have been asked to bring in **150 Snack Crackers** in support of Christmas Boxes.

An Evening of Music

Food Bank Benefit Concert will be held on Friday, December 14th at 7:00pm at Central United Church, Lunenburg. A Christmas Musical Concert featuring Steve Chapin, Art Cole, John Barr, John Bird, Gary Kruchka and Band, Hank Middleton, Jude Pelley, Richard Rachels, The Dairy Farm Kids, and some surprise Guests.

Please join the South Shore Chorale for an evening of Music and Readings for Christmas on Sunday, December 16th at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church; 25 Phoenix Street at 4:00pm. Tickets $10 will be available at the door or from a Choir Member.

Minute for Mindfulness

Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without.

*Be sure to check standard announcements at the back of your Festival of Christmas Bulletin!*