



ADVENT GREETINGS

2025



From the Desk of Reverend Ian

As we enter this sacred season of Advent, may the anticipation of Christ's coming fill your hearts with hope, peace, and renewed faith. Let us prepare ourselves to receive His love and joyfully await His arrival. And, as Christmas draws near, may the light of Christ shine brightly in your lives, bringing you blessings of love, joy, and deep peace. Wishing you all a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas, filled with God's grace and the warmth of God's presence.

This newsletter is an important tool of communication, and we hope you will participate in some or all of the programs and worship services that are listed. As well as a tool for communication, this newsletter is one important way we connect with all members of the community of faith. You can also stay in touch through our website www.firstunitedchurchmp.ca. If you watch our services on YouTube, please consider using the "Online Giving" button in the top right hand corner of the home page.

With heartfelt blessings,
Rev. Ian



Wednesday Morning Advent Worship

Advent is a busy season, some would say too busy. To help keep our focus on the birth of Christ, we will be holding a midweek worship and coffee/tea hour on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. Each service will approximately be thirty minutes followed by a coffee/tea time. All are encouraged to attend. These services will take place Wednesday mornings on the 26th of November, and the 3rd, 10th, and 17th of December.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!! **Saturday, December 13th, 8 to 10 am**



Bring the kids and grandkids to Trinity Hall for a delicious breakfast and surprises with the jolly old soul!! We will be serving pancakes, sausages, boiled eggs, toast, juice, tea and coffee. No presale tickets, just pay at the door, only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.



PURDY'S CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER

We are selling Purdy's chocolates again this year. Please use the following website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1819890-129201>. Follow the instructions to sign in or to register. If you already have an account just **sign in** and you will be in our Campaign and select **shop online** from top line. If you are a new shopper, you will select **register as new supporter** and fill in information to set up your account before you can shop. Catalogues are available in the foyer. For information on how to order, please call Joan Winsor at 709-687-2147.



Services and Special Events

◆ November 9th	11 am	Remembrance Day Service
◆ November 16th	11 am	Worship Service
◆ November 23rd	11 am	Worship Service
◆ November 26th	9 am	Morning Advent Worship Service
◆ November 30th	11 am	1 st Sunday of Advent
◆ December 3rd	9 am	Morning Advent Worship Service
◆ December 7th	11 am	2 nd Sunday of Advent/Communion
◆ December 7th	7 pm	UCW Christmas Lights Service
◆ December 10th	9 am	Morning Advent Worship Service
◆ December 13th	8 –10 am	Breakfast with Santa
◆ December 14th	11 am	3 rd Sunday of Advent/Senior Choir Cantata
◆ December 14th	7 pm	Youth Group Vesper Service
◆ December 17th	9 am	Morning Advent Worship Service
◆ December 21st	11 am	4 th Sunday of Advent/White Gift Service
◆ December 24th	4 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
◆ December 24th	7 pm	Christmas Eve Evening Service
◆ December 28th	11am	Worship Service

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN NEWS



First United UCW meets one Monday per month in Trinity Hall. The ladies each bring a bagged lunch and the meetings begin at 12:30 with lunch and a social time, followed by a brief worship and business. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.



At the November 10th meeting, the UCW will be having their Annual Shower of personal care items for Carew Lodge and Emmanuel House. If members of the congregation would like to support the UCW in this endeavour, items can be dropped off during the November 10th meeting between 1:30 and 3 pm at the Churchill Avenue entrance or during regular church office hours before November 23rd.

Personal care items include some of the following:

Towel and facecloth
Toothpaste and toothbrush
Deodorant, razors, shaving cream
Shampoo, conditioner, soap
Dish cloths/towels
Hand cream

Brush and comb
Hats, gloves, scarves
Socks, slippers
Body wash, body sponge
Tissues
Little treats like candy/chocolate

