

**Cherishing the Christmas Story in the Season of Covid-19**  
***In this strange season***  
***suspended between painful realizations and renewing expectations***  
***the Holy births life***

Sunday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>	First Sunday of Advent and Lighting the Candle of Hope Theme: Christmas happens in the Midst of Disrupted Routine Choral Virtual Anthem: She Walked in the Summer
Sunday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Second Sunday of Advent and Lighting the Candle of Peace Theme: Christmas Makes Visible the Usually Unseen Choral Virtual Anthem: When the Stars Fall
Sunday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Third Sunday of Advent and Lighting the Candle of Joy Theme: Christmas Awakens Tunes to Dispel Fear Choral Virtual Anthem: Al Shlosa D'Varim
Sunday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fourth Sunday of Advent and Lighting the Candle of Love Christmas Pageant: Samaritan Midwife at a Pandemic Passover
Thursday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Zoom Service 8:00 p.m. Choral Christmas Eve Zoom Service

**Please note the following special Events during Advent**

Advent Candles

We encourage each household to prepare advent candles to light each Sunday by securing a candle for hope, peace, joy, and love as well as a Christ Candle in the centre. Below is the picture of the candles for this year

Finding Sanctuary in the Sanctuary

Through Advent, Brian is happy to arrange a time for families (or others) to visit the sanctuary to light the Advent candles, explore our stable, and visit for a short time and connect with the Christmas story.

Socks for Centre 507

Socks will still be received for Centre 507; however, they are to be delivered to Brian's porch at 7 Edgar Street between Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Socks will be blessed in the December 6<sup>th</sup> service.

December 6<sup>th</sup> National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Virtual Vigil led by Black Indigenous People of Colour (BIPOC) representatives.

First United is supporting this virtual vigil and will incorporate aspects of our annual Service of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women into our Sunday gathering on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Information to link to the virtual vigil will be sent through the church e-mail.

December 17<sup>th</sup> Zoom Christmas Songs and Carols

Beginning at 7:00 p.m. Marg will be leading an evening of singing that will feature the quartet that will sing on Christmas Eve.

