

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH, OTTAWA
DECEMBER 2024
Pathways to Peace

Our ANNUAL ADVENT CAMPAIGN to help the church meet its budget goals.

Sunday December 1 - 11:15 a.m.: First Sunday of Advent

Candle of Hope
Celebration of Communion

Sunday December 1 - 4:30 p.m. Jazz Vespers for Advent

Jazz Vespers hosted by All Saints and First United with jazz musicians Yves Laroche, Charley Gordon & Tom Denison.

Friday, December 6 - 7:00 p.m. A Service Remembrance and Action to End Violence Against Women (in the chapel)

Sunday, December 8 - 11:15 a.m.: Second Sunday of Advent

Sock Sunday: Bring socks for clients of Centre 507 (See over for details)
Candle of Joy – Mary's song (the Magnificat)
Celebrating the candidacy of First United Church ministry student Joëlle Morgan.

Friday, December 13 - 12 noon– 3 p.m. TGIF Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Wednesday December 11 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Sanctuary or on Zoom
Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent by Amy Jill Levine

Sunday, December 15 - 11:15 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent

Candle of Peace
Choir service of carols and readings

Wednesday December 18 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Sanctuary or on Zoom
Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent by Amy Jill Levine

Sunday, December 22 - 11:15 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent

Candle of Love
Christmas Pageant: Sister Acts

Sunday, December 22 - Blue Christmas 4 p.m.

Worship and gathering time for members of our community for whom Christmas is a painful or difficult time. Worship at 4 p.m., followed by supper and community time.

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

5:45 p.m. Multigenerational Service with stories and communion
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday, December 29

11:15 a.m. Celebrating in the Season of Christmas
Table Liturgy and Pancake Breakfast in the church hall.

GIVING IN ADVENT

December 8th is Sock Sunday at First United!

Please bring stuffed socks to church, filled with items for Centre 507 drop-in. Community members of all genders welcome this Christmas gift. In addition to socks, needed items include razors, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, underwear, lip balm, chocolates and other small treats. Please use large or medium winter weight socks. One sock can be the "Christmas stocking" (don't forget to include the other socks inside).

Donate to the Westboro Food Bank

Copies of the Advent Calendar Wish List are available at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Reflection in Advent

Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent by author, professor, and biblical scholar **Amy-Jill Levine**.

Join Alyson Huntly Wednesday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary or on Zoom. Contact the Office to sign up and to get Zoom link.

Read the whole book or hear chapter summaries when we meet. A readable and engaging short book, Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi.

Levine's stories open conversations about links between Gospel stories and the Old Testament, the importance of Mary's visitation and the justice implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt.

Community in Advent

TGIF Christmas Lunch - Friday, December 13 noon to 4 p.m. RSVP to the office.

First United Church Christmas Pageant December 22, 2024

Sister Acts

The pageant will be directed by Pat Lindsey and Jason Swan. Rehearsals start in Advent. Children, youth and adults from our community retell the story of the birth of Jesus according to the gospel of Luke. Hear the traditional stories in a new way! We need help with design and painting sets, costumes, props, assisting at rehearsals. Contact Pat or Jason, or Alyson Huntly and Nikki Nel to get involved.

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