

*First United Methodist Church of New Hartford*

# *The Heartbeat*

*December 2025*

## **Come Celebrate Christmas - Happy Birthday, Jesus**



Advent continues in December with 10 a.m. worship each Sunday. We will light the Advent wreath together and worship with scriptures, hymns, special music and a message from Pastor Dave.

There will be a special Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service where we remember loved

ones who are no longer with us 7 p.m., Sunday, December 21st in the Chapel. Christmas Eve worship with candles will be 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 24th. All are welcome for each service. Please invite your family and friends to worship.



**Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service: 7 p.m., Dec. 21**

**(There will be no Wednesday Night Praise and Worship)**

**Christmas Eve Service: 7 p.m., Dec. 24**

**Be sure to pick up a copy of the Advent devotional booklet!**

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## **Reminder: Reverse Advent Calendar**

**by Kim Hubbard**

We would like to remind the congregation about the Reverse Advent Calendar Food Collection. Additional info and a list of food to bring are at church.

We're asking the congregation to be involved in loving our neighbors who struggle with getting food. Each day December 1<sup>st</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>, add an item to your bag. Once you have collected the items, get them to the church. Please note taking part is optional, but we hope you will say, "yes".

### **Important:**

- Bring in the items early or by December 24<sup>th</sup> to the church.
- If you need help or have questions, call Kim Hubbard before December 24<sup>th</sup> at 315-404-6059.
- You can partner with a friend to collect the food.
- If you can't get to a store, make a monetary donation. Please put "Reverse Advent Calendar" in the check memo or on cash donation.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and the love you give to our neighbors who struggle to get food. If you or someone you know needs assistance getting food, please contact the Seeds of Hope Food Pantry at 315-732-5111 on Tuesday or Thursday from 9:30 – 11:30 AM for information.

## **Soldier Prayer List**

If you know of someone who is on active duty or deployed in active military service and you would like to add them to the prayer list, please send the soldier's name and rank to [newyorkoma@roadrunner.com](mailto:newyorkoma@roadrunner.com). If your soldier is deployed or in active military service, please send an address. We would be happy to send monthly packages and/or letters to them. Please pray for these active duty or deployed military personnel. Donations from the congregation for the packages are appreciated.

**Prayer List:** Major Elissa Adams (Granddaughter, Roger and Beryl Griffith)  
Rev. Dr. Keith Manry (Friend, Carole Gehrig)  
MMN2 Karlton Fake (Son, Linda Aloisio)

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# Annual Cookie Sale & Silent Auction Table Festival

## **First United Methodist, 105 Genesee St., New Hartford**

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Come purchase a delicious assortment of homemade  
Christmas cookies – \$14/pound**

## New this year: Silent Auction Table Festival

## An assortment of tables and a decorated, 7.5' Christmas Tree

## Table Themes include:

# **Family Game Night/Movie Night, Cozy Winter Night, Pasta, Sports, Gingerbread, and more**

Bakers may drop off cookies 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 12-12, and Noon to 3 p.m., 12-13



## **Please join Pastor Dave and Janice for a**

## Christmas Open House

**Sunday, December 14, 2-5 pm at the church**

**Let's celebrate the birth of Jesus  
and enjoy fellowship with our church family!**



### December Birthdays

6 - Janice McKinney  
11 - Makayla Pepe  
12 - Jack Elseth  
18 - Adam Barnes  
19 - Joyce Wilbur  
19 - Ellen Valeriano  
24 - Carl Ciccarelli  
26 - Carole Gehrig  
27 - Paula Healy  
28 - Blake Ford

### January Birthdays

3 - Sara Porter  
11 - Marie Duink  
15 - Joe Egan  
17 - Carol Bandych  
18 - Craig Muder  
23 - Linda Weatherup  
25 - James Egan  
27 - Mary Schiek  
29 - Dave Williams

### December Anniversaries

21 - Dave & Shannon Williams

### January Anniversaries

10 - Jim and Marge Barnes



**During the winter, church services will take place if at all possible. Check WKTV for any closings. Feel free to watch services on the live stream if you are worried about driving out in the weather.**

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