

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!

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 1st through 24th, 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 24th to the church.
- ☐ If you need help or have questions, call Kim Hubbard before December 24th 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. 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)

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 Bandyh
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.**
