

The GOOD NEWSletter –

for Central United Church - Lunenburg

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Upcoming Events:

Sunday, December 3rd – Advent I

9:30 am – *Handbell Choir practice*
10:30 am – Regular Service



Monday, December 4th

7:00 pm – Stewards' Meeting – Fellowship Room

Friday, December 8th

10:00 am – Adult Study Group – Fellowship Room

Sunday, December 10th – Advent II

9:30 am – *Handbell Choir practice*
10:30 am – Regular Service

Monday, December 11th – UCW Christmas Dinner



Wednesday, December 13th

6:45 pm – *Choir practice*



Thursday, December 14th

6:30 – 7:15 pm – *Handbell Choir Practice*

Sunday, December 17th – Advent III

10:30 am – Regular Service

Wednesday, December 20th

6:45 pm – *Choir practice* – Fellowship Room

7:45 pm – *Handbell Choir practice* – Sanctuary

Sunday, December 24th/ Christmas Eve
There will be NO 10:30 am Service.

4:00 pm – Early Family Service

6:00 pm – *Handbell Choir Practice* – Sanctuary

7:00 pm - Traditional Family Service



The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 25th and will re-open on Tuesday, January 9th at 9:30 am.

Sunday, December 31st/New Year's Eve

10:30 am – Regular Service

No “Muffin Service” this year.

Sunday, January 7th

10:30 am – Regular Service

Monday, January 8th

7:00 pm – Stewards' Meeting – Fellowship Room

Thursday, January 11th

7:00 pm – Session Meeting – Fellowship Room

Sunday, January 14th

10:30 am – Regular Service

Immediately following the service, Workshop for Remit #6 – “*One Order of Ministry*” will be held in the church hall. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a bag lunch and read study material in advance, available through the church office or online.

Monday, January 15th

1:30 pm – UCW Meeting – League Room

Wednesday, January 17th

6:45 pm – *Choir practice* – Fellowship Room

7:45 pm – *Handbell choir practice* – Sanctuary

Sunday, January 21st

10:30 am – Regular Service

(Snow date for Remit #6 workshop)

Saturday, January 21st

7:00 pm – *Ecumenical Service* –
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – St. Norbert’s

(No snow date: will not be rescheduled)
(*See box for more information on Lenten Café)

Wednesday, January 24th

6:45 pm – *Choir practice* – Fellowship Room

7:45 pm – *Handbell choir practice*

Sunday, January 28th

10:30 am – Regular Service

Wednesday, January 31st

6:45 pm – *Choir practice* – Fellowship Room

7:45 pm – *Handbell Choir practice*

Sunday, February 4th

10:30 am – Regular Service

Monday, February 5th

7:00 pm – Stewards’ Meeting – Fellowship Room

Wednesday, February 7th

6:45 pm – *Choir practice* – Fellowship Room

7:45 pm – *Handbell Choir practice*

Sunday, February 11th

10:30 am – Regular Service

Annual General Meeting following the Sunday Service (see insert)

(Storm date: Sunday, February 18th)

Wednesday, February 14th

11:00 – 11:45 am – **Lenten Café** (see box)

6:45 pm – *Choir practice* – Fellowship Room

7:45 pm – *Handbell Choir practice*

Sunday, February 18th – Lent I

10:30 am – Regular Service

Monday, February 19th

7:00 pm – UCW Meeting – League Room

Lenten Café

Dates: Wednesdays, February 14th, February 21st, February 28th, March 7th, March 14th & March 21st

Time: 11:00 - 11:45 am

Location: Zion Lutheran Church Hall

Advent & Christmas Services

at Central United



Sunday, December 10th - Advent II - Peace

Sunday, December 17th - Advent III - Joy
“Service of Lessons and Carols”

CKBW taping of church service

Sunday, December 24th / Christmas Eve/ Advent IV:

There will be NO 10:30 am Service.

4:00 pm Service – Early Family Service

7:00 pm Service – Traditional

Family Service

Sunday, December 31st/New Year’s Eve:

10:30 am – Regular Service

(See insert for more information)

Annual Reports & Annual General Meeting

The deadline for submitting Annual Reports (in preparation for the Annual General Meeting) is

Friday, January 26th, 2018.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on:

Sunday,

February 11th, 2018.



MARITIME CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tomato Tomato's Maritime Christmas with special guests, **Dave Gunning and Heather Rankin**



Date: Tuesday,
December 19th at 7:30 pm

Place: Central United
Church,

136 Cumberland
Street,
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

**Tickets are available at the Dots & Loops shop
on Lincoln Street.**

For ticket information, please visit
www.tomatotomato.ca

10TH ANNUAL LUNENBURG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Date & time: Monday, December 25th at 1:00
pm **Place:** Lunenburg Fire Hall

Come join us at our Christmas dinner for 2 hours
of festivities. All are welcome! Bring happy
thoughts and a big appetite and a small donation
of dried or canned goods for the Food Bank.
Traditional turkey, served with all the trimmings ...
plus entertainment. For those needing
transportation, please refer to the details on the
tickets.

**\$10 a ticket ... seating strictly limited ... don't
miss out!**

*Tickets are available at "Shop on the Corner"
after Nov. 11th.*

*Additional information phone **Debra Hofrichter** at
902-523-5552.*

GIFTS WITH VISION CATALOGUES

**Catalogues are available at the back of the
church.**



Storm Cancellation Notification

Notification about cancelled church services
due to inclement weather can be found:

1. By listening to the CKBW radio station
(on your dial at **98.1 FM**) although
announcements will only be read once
an hour. Cancellations are also posted
on the CKBW website: www.ckbw.ca
2. Cancellation of our church service can
also be found on our church website:
www.centralunitedlunenburg.ca

You can also phone the church office
(902-634-4035), for information on our
Voicemail, which will announce our cancelled
service for that week, due to stormy weather.
Please note: Whether Church Service is
cancelled or not, members and friends are
encouraged to use their own discretion as to
whether they can or should be attending
Sunday Service.



CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS



Christmas Cheer Baskets will
again be distributed to those who
are sick or shut-in. If you know of
somebody in our congregation
who would benefit from a **Cheer**

Basket, please call and we will bring a little
"Christmas Cheer" to them.

We are requesting some fillers – Christmas baked
goods, candy or treats which will be distributed on
December 14th.

Please call: **Thelma (902-634-3885)** or
Joan (902-634-4432)



Memorial Gifts and Christmas Flowers Deadlines



Thursday, December 21st - Memorial Gifts & Flowers

Words for your dedications (names of loved ones being remembered) **must** be received in the office by December 21st, so that they can be included in the December 24th bulletin.

Thursday, December 21st at noon - Flowers

Flowers must be delivered no later than Thursday, December 21st at 12 noon.

Remit #6 Workshop

Workshop for Remit #6, previously planned for Sunday, November 12th, will be held after church service, on **Sunday, January 14th, 2018 (snow date: Sunday, January 21st).**

Remit #6 – “One Order of Ministry” will be held in the church hall. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a bag lunch and ready study material in advance, available through the church office (photocopy) or online via website:

<http://www.gc42.ca/remits>



Ramblings of a Retired Mind

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

I also made a cover for my hearing aid and now I have what they call blue teeth, I think.

You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.

I've got that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.

Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth - AMEN.



Submitted by: Shirley Zinck

“Our Family
Christmas Eve Services”

Two years ago the Music and Worship Committee at Central United created a wonderful new Christmas Eve Service for our young families. The Committee gave particular attention to making the service more appealing to young families and their young children through having the service earlier in the evening (4:00 pm), shorter in length, full of easy carols to sing, and actively involving the little ones in the service with a chance to dress in costumes and act out all of the parts of the Christmas Story.

We are blessed that this service has been well attended and received with enthusiasm.

In years past the only option for families with young children was our “7:00 pm” Christmas Eve Service. This service has always been at least an hour and it includes mature music and liturgy and does not always suit the attention of young children. The service was always well attended (because there was no other option) but it tried to be “all things - to all people”.

What can be said about the “7:00 pm” Christmas Eve Service was that it was a “tradition”. Throughout the many years of this service people built their Christmas Eve around this service time. Many people still plan their Christmas Eve around this service.

But as we all know our families grow and change – and our traditions change. Sometimes because of work or extended families we cannot always be together for Christmas Eve as we used to be. And sometimes our traditions change and we begin “new traditions” that might be unfamiliar but very welcome.

We hope that this year you will consider both of Central’s Christmas Eve services and will seek to attend the one that suits your family and your spiritual needs.

Wishing you blessings in this holy and happy season,

*The Music and Worship Committee –
Central United Church*



Rice Krispies Chocolate Dream Bars

- ½ cup butter or margarine softened
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- ¾ cup flour
- 2 tbsps. cocoa powder
- ¼ tsp. baking powder
- pinch of salt
- ½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 2 cups Rice Krispies cereal

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In mixing bowl, cream butter until fluffy. Add vanilla and eggs, beating well after each addition. Combine flour, cocoa, baking powder, salt and chopped nuts.

Stir into egg mixture until well combined. Spread mixture in bottom of greased 13 x 9 pan. Bake at 350° for 15 - 20 minutes. Sprinkle marshmallows evenly over layer in pan. Bake an additional 3 minutes. Let cool.

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In small saucepan, combine chocolate chips and peanut butter. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until melted. Stir in cereal and spread mixture evenly on top of cooled marshmallow layer. Refrigerate 2 hours or until firm. Cut into squares.

Christmas Puzzlers



1. What were the shepherds doing when the angel appeared to tell them about the birth of Jesus?
 - a. Having dinner
 - b. Milking their goats
 - c. Watching their flocks
 - d. Praying
2. Who gave the first gifts to Baby Jesus?
 - a. The Three Wise Men
 - b. St. Nicholas
 - c. Shepherds
 - d. Angels
3. What did the Three Wise Men use to guide them to the Christ Child?
 - a. A map
 - b. Street signs
 - c. A star
 - d. A large arrow
4. Who were the first people other than Mary and Joseph to see Baby Jesus?
 - a. The Three Wise Men
 - b. Shepherds
 - c. Apostles
 - d. Soldiers
5. Which of these animals does not usually appear in scenes of the stable where Jesus was born?
 - a. Ox
 - b. Sheep
 - c. Donkey
 - d. Pig
6. In which town was Jesus born?
 - a. Jerusalem
 - b. Bethlehem
 - c. Judea
 - d. Jericho
7. What was the name of Mary's husband?
 - a. Jeremiah
 - b. John
 - c. Joseph
 - d. James
8. According to the Bible, at what time of day was Jesus born?
 - a. Morning
 - b. Lunchtime
 - c. Afternoon
 - d. Night
9. What do we celebrate on December 25?
 - a. Getting presents
 - b. No school
 - c. Eating turkey
 - d. The birth of Jesus
10. What was Joseph's job?
 - a. Carpenter
 - b. Bricklayer
 - c. Stonemason
 - d. TV repair man
11. Bethlehem was a part of what great empire?
 - a. Egyptian
 - b. Ottoman
 - c. Roman
 - d. Greek
12. In which direction did the Three Wise Men travel in their search for Baby Jesus, according to St. Matthew?
 - a. North
 - b. South
 - c. East
 - d. West
13. Which of these was NOT a gift to Baby Jesus from the Three Wise Men?
 - a. Myrrh
 - b. Silver
 - c. Gold
 - d. Frankincense
14. When the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds, what was their first reaction?
 - a. Joy
 - b. Fear
 - c. Curiosity
 - d. Awe
15. What animals are said to have been in the stalls on either side of Baby Jesus?
 - a. Sheep and lamb
 - b. Goat and pig
 - c. Ox and horse
 - d. Donkey and cow
16. How long did the Three Wise Men search for Baby Jesus?
 - a. Three days
 - b. Twelve days
 - c. A fortnight
 - d. One year
17. According to St. Matthew, how long did Joseph, Mary and Jesus remain in Egypt?
 - a. Fifty days
 - b. One year
 - c. Until Jesus was a grown man
 - d. Until the death of King Herod

****Answers available in Dec. 31st bulletin.**