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Kimberley United Church



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This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth, and lying in a manger...

It is the most incongruous kind of story: that God, source of all life and creator of the universe, would choose to take on flesh, and be born in a barn. Even more surprising is that the news of this event would be delivered by God's angels to shepherds out in the countryside.

In the world we live in today, it's often difficult to believe in God, or to believe that God could care about the things that happen in our ordinary lives. We often think of God as distant and removed. Yet the Christmas story stands as a testament to where God lives, where God *chooses* to take up residence: in ordinary lives, in everyday places.

In this Advent and Christmas season, may you seek, and find, signs of holy presence within and all around you.

United for Kids

Advent's 'United for Kids' was a busy Saturday morning in the upper hall.

Angels were created, cookies decorated, stories told and songs sung around the piano. The morning was capped with a lunch.

About 20 children participated, with an equal number of parents and helpers. This is part of Faith Formation's service to children and families.



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Cookie Walk
Dec 4, 10:30 -1 pm
Buy a box and fill it with your favourite home baked Christmas cookies.

Advent Gifts
Dec 6 to 20
Bring toiletry gifts for those in our community who are in need, as part of our outreach.

Christmas Eve
Dec 24 at 9 pm
Oh, Silent Night. Candlelight service for everyone in the family.

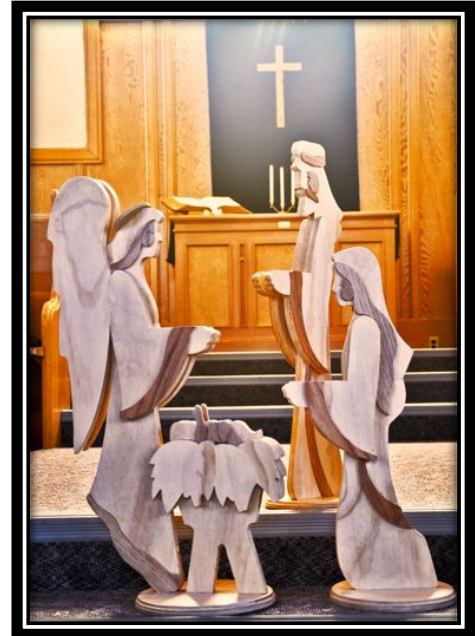
Advent to Christmas

Songs for Christmas

Saturday, Dec 11 (7:30 pm) and Sunday Dec 12 (10 am) the Kimberley United Church choir joins with the Kimberley Community choir to sing "Unto Us A Child Is Born." The title song is a composition by Terry Machem, and the program includes great Christmas songs arranged by our music leaders.

Nativity Scene

Advent will see our new nativity characters move from the sanctuary to the stable on the church lawn. We thank Dale Ratzlaff for hand crafting these wooden figures.



Women's Candlelight Service

Dec 7 at 5:30 pm there will be the traditional potluck and candlelight service at Kimberley United Church.

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, Dec 19, at 5:00 pm, a warmly dressed group will meet at Kimberley United Church, to head out on a mad dash of singing around the town. Join us!

Christmas Services

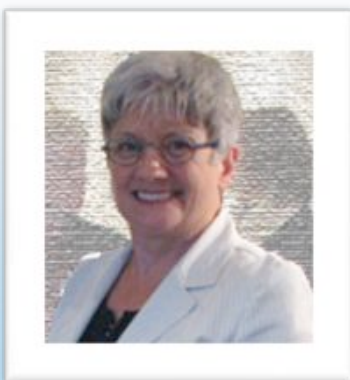
Dec 24, Christmas Eve at 9 pm.

A wonderful service for the whole family. Michael Jones leads a special choir, with all the favorite carols.

Dec 25, Christmas Day at 10:30 am.

Rev. Jeff will lead a service at Gardenview Village. This is open to the whole community and a place where last year people found the true spirit of Christmas.

Christmas Greetings from your Church Council



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Enjoy the season of Advent and Christmas. Come and celebrate in the many activities that are planned at Kimberley United. Know that you are always welcome and that each of you is important to the continued life and work of this congregation.

A portion of each of the council meetings this past year has been spent reading, sharing and discussing a book. This has led to thoughtful consideration of challenges and prospects for churches of the future. Advent and Christmas give us an opportunity, not only for reflection but also for dreaming of the future.