

**Upcoming Events & Happenings:**

The **bulletin** will be posted Sunday.  
([www.nkuc.ca](http://www.nkuc.ca)).

**First Sunday of Advent** – December 1

**Calendars are in** – you will receive an email if you ordered a calendar.

**Meat Sale Fundraiser**  
– orders due December 1

**Tree Decorating** – December 1

**Committee of Stewards Meeting**  
– December 1 @ 11:15 am

**Unified Board Meeting**  
– December 3 @ 7:00 pm

**Meat Fundraiser Pick-up**  
– Dec 6 between 1:30 pm & 4:00 pm



# NKUC Weekly News

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**Weekly at NKUC:**

Wednesday AM Study Group – will resume January 8.  
Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays @ 7:00 pm.

**Scripture Readings for December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

*Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13;  
Luke 21: 25-36*

**Scripture Readings for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Baruch 5: 1-9; Malachi 3: 1-4; Luke 1: 68-79; Philippians 1: 3-11;  
Luke 3: 1-6*

**Thank you to the following for their participation in the December 1<sup>st</sup> Service:**

- Worship Leader** – Rev. Susan Reed
- Music** – Joanne Diplock
- Candle Lighter** – Phyllis Dyck
- Reader** – Shirley Alleyne
- Greeter** – Sheila Fortier
- Usher** – Ron Fortier
- Advent Readers & Candlelighters** – the Gregg family
- Sound & PowerPoint** – Heinz Goetz
- Counters** – Ron Fortier & John Rempel

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**The Calendars are in!**

For those who ordered calendars, you have been sent an email with the amount owing. They will be available on Sunday.

There will be Advent Prayer Calendars available - starting after worship on Sunday - for those who wish to have daily prayer prompts throughout Advent. This calendar is provided by The United Church of Canada, and each prayer prompt is based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The calendars encourage the lighting or colouring of an Advent candle each Sunday, and so Advent wreath and candle colouring sheets will also be available.



**Advent Schedule**

- Advent 1** – “Hope” Sunday, December 1. *Following the service, all are invited to help decorate the Christmas trees.*
- Advent 2 & Communion** – Sunday, December 8
- Blue Christmas Service** – Thursday, December 12 @ 7:00 pm
- Advent 3 & Children’s Christmas Program** – Dec 15
- Advent 4** – Sunday, December 22
- Christmas Eve Service** – Tuesday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm
- December 25 - **MERRY CHRISTMAS**



Jan Lipp – December 5

**Prairie to Pine and the World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle:**

*The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle enables us to journey through every region of the world affirming our solidarity with Christians all over the world. Lord hear our prayer...please keep the work of the communities of Lutheran-United Church of Thompson, Souris, Anola and Myanmar, Thailand in your prayers this week.*



# NEWS from the PEWS

December 1 – To get us in the mood for celebrating the Christmas season, all who are so inclined, whether young, young-at-heart or simply passionate lovers of Christmas celebrations, are invited to join us in decorating the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary after Sunday’s worship service. All needed decorations will be provided. Ho, Ho, Ho!



"On behalf of those with chemical sensitivities and asthma, we would like to thank you for keeping North Kildonan United Church a **scent-free zone** by **refraining from the use of perfumes and colognes.**"

**Offering: PAR: General Fund** \$1592.85

**M&S:** \$120.96

**MCP:** \$35.77

**November 24<sup>th</sup> Offering:**

**General Fund:** \$905.00

**M&S:** \$45.00

**Christmas:** \$500.00

**Prayer Shawl:** \$10.00

**Special Appeal:** \$5.00

**Rental:** \$75.00

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

FUNDSCRIP - tentative pick-up Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.

MEAT SALE

Order forms are available on the website.

Contact Barrie for more info 204-663-6744.

**Orders due December 1<sup>st</sup>.**



## Christmas Cheer Board Collection

The Youth Group has agreed to sponsor two 6 person families through the Christmas Cheer Board. They are collecting non-perishable foods, gifts & monetary donations for these families. The list of requested items is posted in the Narthex. The Youth Group will put hampers together and will deliver them on Dec 22.

Dates of collection will be

Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15, and Dec. 22.

Monetary donations (cheques to NKUC with the designation Christmas Cheer Board) can be left in the collection plate.

## Hat and Mitten Collection

The Outreach and Prayer Shawl Ministries has set up a box to collect knitted and crocheted hats and mitts as well as purchased ones from children to adult sizes. Dollarama & Dollar Tree often have good selections. Our recipients this year are the Southeast Resource Development Council Corporation that serves 26 communities in the north and south of our province i.e.: Norway House, Berens River. There is a box of leftover knitting yarn under the coat rack - free to those who may need yarn. We also have a selection of knitting needles. We will collect these items until Christmas Eve. For more info, please see Nancy Cosway or Peggy Latimer.



## YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS 2024

### Nurturing New Beginnings

*"Helping children and communities grow."*

Becoming a new parent can be overwhelming, with the constant demands of caring for a newborn, sleepless nights, and the pressure to make the right choices for your child. The exhaustion and balancing daily responsibilities while navigating the unknowns of parenthood often leaves new parents feeling unsure and isolated. It's a time filled with great joy, but also uncertainty, as parents adjust to their new roles and work to create a safe and nurturing environment for their little one.

At Fairview Resource Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the New Parents Support group aims to walk with parents as they navigate the complexities of raising a newborn. Once a week, parents gather to meet with a public health nurse who provides education and answers questions. From expectant parents to those with babies up to 18 months, the program provides resources for those who might not otherwise have access to in-person support or resources.

Parents connect not only with health professionals, but form deep bonds with each other, and some are still in contact many years later. Many of us have heard that "it takes a village to raise a child," and Fairview Resource Centre is truly taking action to give a positive space for children in the community to flourish. Thank you for walking alongside our Mission and Service partners as they help children and communities grow.

*Your support of Mission and Service is vital to the continuation of incredible programs like these.*

### Please see the notices posted on the bulletin board for other events of interest

- **"Anne of Green Gables"** the musical - Nov 28 – Dec 1 @ St. Mary's Road United Church. Tickets \$25/\$15
- **Christmas Tea** – Nov 30 from 10 am to 2 pm @ John Black United Church
- **Cookie Walk & Craft Sale** – Nov 30 from 9 am to 1 pm @ Peace Lutheran Church
- **Westminster Sing-a-long "Messiah"** – Nov 30 @ 7pm – Westminster UC
- **1Just City Volunteers Needed** – Dec 2 to 6. Please see bulletin board for more details.
- **Christmas Tea & Bazaar** – Dec 7 from 1:30 to 3:30pm @ Bird's Hill United Church.
- **A Christmas Café** – Dec 7 @ 7pm at Transcona Memorial United Church. Tickets \$10/\$5.
- **Syrian Sing-a-Long for Syrian Sponsorship** – Dec 16 @ 7pm at Bird's Hill United Church. Free Will Offering or \$10.

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