

Friday, December 4th, 2020

Are you leaning into the light of hope?

Have you been sharing the light of hope
this week?



Our Advent journey has begun and we are making our way towards the manger: preparing our very beings for the birth of the one we name Emmanuel -God With Us.

As we gathered in worship this past Sunday, I invited us to prayerfully pause and cup our hands: a gesture to remind us that we are God's mangers- Holy light is birthed through us. We will be using this gesture each Sunday in Advent, and I hope that it might become for you an Advent practice. When stress or anxiety closes in, when the 'to dos' and busyness of the Season takes over, or when you just need to stop... pause and cup your hands and know that you are God's manger.

I hope and trust that you have received *"Lean Into the Light" Advent-Christmas 2020 @ PUC* bundle of resources. If not, they are available on our PUC Facebook page -under the "photos" tab; and also, on our PUC website- under "worship resources" then "Advent -Christmas 2020": OR please be in touch and we can arrange safe pickup or delivery of your bundle.

If you are using the spiritual practice of creating and using your *PUC At-Home Luminary* please post a picture of you luminary to our PUC Facebook page or amil me a picture and I will post it for you.

Our Advent-Christmas journey continues this Sunday as we lean into the light of peace...



As always, if you are unable to be with us in-person, we welcome you through our FaceBook Live and please do “check in” using the Facebook chat feature. I enjoy reading your notes and feedback. And remember our Sunday worship bulletin is available by Friday of each week from our PUC website, with printed copies in the folder on the front doors.

This Sunday, December 6th, is also the draw date for our *“A Tisket, A Tasket^[SM] Christmas Gift Card Basket”*. The draw will take place LIVE on our PUC Facebook page at Noon and it will be drawn by a very special ‘neutral’ guest 🎅👋 .. so tune in!

A thank you from our Ways & Means Committee to everyone who made this a very successful fun fundraiser.



And speaking of fun & fundraisers- our 12 Days of Christmas Online Bake Sale Raffle continues... today is day 4 – Have you

seen the featured items so far? OMG!! Yummy!!

Though changes and adjustments continues to be our Advent-Christmas reality, there remains much goodness in these days. The work & ministry of PUC continues and deepens and expands. As many of you are aware, we were successful in our application to receive 2 grants from the 'Atlantic Compassionate Fund' through United Way of Pictou County. One grant will support a Christmas Basket/Stocking Outreach Project that is being coordinated by Eva Sutherland and the other will support us, once again, offering our '*Soup for Seniors' Free Soup Luncheon*- now set for Tuesday, December 15th. If you are interested in learning more about these outreach projects, or if you are interested in becoming a recipient of these projects, or if you know of a 'senior' who would be interested- please give me a call at the PUC Office 902 485-8081.

Blessings for this day and for the days ahead.

Namaste- Peace

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