



*News from*

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## *From the Publisher*

As we inch ever so slowly towards whatever the post-pandemic normal will be, it is good to celebrate the people who choose to rise above the negativity and uncertainty all around, and continue faithfully to follow Christ, worship God, and serve others. This issue of the newsletter is a tribute to them. My best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas to all!

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## From the Minister

### **"In Advent we expectantly wait for the One who has already come." (Liturgical Year: The Worship of God)**

Ever since the early church, Christians have expressed the twofold horizon of Advent with the word '*maranatha*.' This word, which St. Paul uses near the end of 1 Corinthians (16:22), draws us toward the two directions of Advent: past fulfillment and future promise. *Maranatha* means both "Our Lord, come!" and "Our Lord has come."

Advent is a season of waiting and watching, as we look toward God's presence among us in Christ. Since "our Lord has come" indeed, Advent offers a reflective season during which we may marvel at the Nativity of the Lord, when the eternal Word came among us as the fragile child of Mary. At the same time, we may watch expectantly for the fulfillment of God's compassionate reign in Christ, praying together "Our Lord, come!"

Liturgical Year: The Worship of God, a resource prepared by the Presbyterian

Church (USA), insightfully describes these two aspects of Advent. This liturgical season involves "far more than preparing to celebrate the first coming of Christ, the incarnate Word." Advent does, of course, include waiting to celebrate the Lord's Nativity, yet it offers also "a season of hope, during which we anticipate the future coming of Christ." The resource adds: "In the light of Christ's first coming, we have hope for fulfillment of the realm of God in the future."

The seasons of the liturgical year afford us sustained opportunities to grow in faith, to seek the guidance of the Spirit, and to be conformed to Christ. And it is delightful that Advent offers us this time for reflection and gratitude, as the church rejoices in the knowledge that the most important Gift of all, the loving Saviour, has come and will yet come again. *Maranatha!*

*Rev. David*

## New St. James 29th Annual Christmas Toy Drive 2021



### **A SMILE FOR EVERY CHILD!**

The Salvation Army is again offering the Christmas Hamper program this year. In

a time of so much struggle, our support at Christmastime will bring smiles to many kids' faces (and their moms and dads!). What a wonderful way for New St. James to make a difference in our community! Your generous donation of new, unopened, unwrapped gifts with a value of up to \$50 will help The Salvation Army provide a Merry Christmas to many children in our community! A non-violent

toy that does not require batteries is preferable, and please do not wrap the toy. You will have until Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> to drop off your toy at the

Judi LeBlanc

Church. Please call the Church office 519-434-1127 to make an appointment to drop off your gift. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### *From the Clerk of Session*

As the Liturgical year comes to an end and we approach a new Church year, beginning with the Season of Advent, we remember that it is a time of expectant waiting. Advent is that time when we begin to prepare our celebration of the arrival of the Christ Child so many years ago. It is also a time during which we can engage in quiet reflection, thinking about where we have been and where we are heading. As part of that reflective thinking, we can acknowledge and be thankful as a Congregation for all that we have come through and the successes and achievements we have seen during the past year.

While the COVID pandemic has done much to limit our movements and activities, we have continued to show our love for Christ and for one and other and to praise God. We have been able to continue to worship virtually through Zoom meetings and livestreaming, and more recently in-person in our own Sanctuary. We are thankful for all of our worship leaders, Rev. Dr. David Clark, Torin Chiles, Ariel Harwood-Jones, the Scripture Readers and Co-liturgists, and for all of those on the audio-visual technical production (Nawton Chiles, Steve Harris and Rob McGugan) who have allowed us to participate in worship in so many ways. We are also thankful for those who have made the audio-visual equipment possible through their donations and through oversight of its purchase and installation.

The work of the Church has continued unabated, through such efforts as Cathy Taylor and her volunteers on the Northern Hospitality Dinners and the work of the Pastoral Care Committee with those who are in need of care or are shut-ins. The work of Charlene Beynon and the Human Resources Committee ensures our staff (Judi, Torin and, until his retirement, Mark) are adequately provided for so that they can in turn perform their many tasks required to keep the Church functioning. The Board of Managers, under the watchful eye of Steve Harris, have continued to keep the Church building clean, safe and in good repair, and the finances have been kept in hand by our ever-competent Treasurer, Jeff Goud. The Women's Council, with the efforts of such folks as Deb Noble-Van Hees and Karen Buchwald, has been busy working on preparations to renovate the kitchen and run a virtual sale of preserves and baked goods. Thank you to all involved.

Throughout the various waves of the pandemic the COVID Response Team has been vigilant in monitoring the changing conditions of the virus and the associated health regulations and requirements that have come with it. They have also spent time reviewing information available from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Presbytery, and other churches in order to provide guidance to the Minister and the Session in taking appropriate steps and precautions to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Also, our Minister, The Rev. Dr. David Clark, has just celebrated his first year with us. Coming to a new congregation and establishing a new Ministry is always a challenge and doing so during a pandemic with limited in-person activities adds much difficulty to those challenges. We are fortunate to have such a capable, articulate, and eager individual as our Minister. His prayers and sermons are both thoughtful and reflective and have much to offer us as we engage in our worship and Christian witness. Take some time to get to know him and offer him your support as we all work together to do the great work of Christ through

New St. James.

Please note that Session has approved the 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting for February 13, 2022. For all of those who have a report to prepare for the Annual Report, you will need to submit it to Judi Le Blanc no later than January 15, 2022.

As we look forward to the coming year, we share that Advent anticipation and the hope which comes with the arrival of the Christ Child. We are a fortunate congregation and we have much to offer to all of God's creation. Let us celebrate and sing Gloria in excelsis!

Best wishes to all in the Advent and Christmas Seasons,  
Bruce Curtis

### *Northern Hospitality*

Your Northern Hospitality team has never stopped serving our attendees the third Monday of the month despite the many challenges this pandemic has presented. We have served a hot take-out meal these last many months to 50-60+ attendees each evening. This coming December 20 will be no exception when we will serve a hot turkey dinner complete with all the trimmings. Each attendee will be treated to a Tim Hortons gift card generously donated by Cathy

Cathy Taylor

Reid's colleagues at the Corporate Executive Offices in Burlington. I hope to have Christmas music playing in the background to create a more festive atmosphere. Sadly, we still cannot gather indoors but hopefully by spring that may be possible.

Thank you for your continued financial support for this vital outreach mission in our own neighbourhood. Our attendees are so appreciative.

### *From the Organ Console*

At the end of the service on November 21<sup>st</sup> I received a gift – one that surprised me, overwhelmed me both in the moment and in the days that have followed. I was deeply moved and honoured to receive this multi-faceted gift that will be with me and with the

church forever as we move past these cursed COVID restrictions. That idea of 'forever' and 'the everlasting' was a significant part of Rev. Dr. David Clark's sermon that Sunday, Christ the King Sunday. This gift I received put the crown on the Christian liturgical year for

me, a year that was very trying for us all and especially hard for singers and church musicians.

Walking through the mall as the season of Advent breaks upon us once more, one often hears the exasperated question “what gift can I get for someone who has everything?!” The answer to this question is rarely a gift that can be bought at the shopping mall. It is usually a gift that represents a gift of time, of thoughtful consideration of the recipient’s tastes and values, of the desire to share a love of an activity together, of something that might even represent shared aspirations and joys. The gift I received on Sunday was all this and more!

Many of you will remember with immense fondness Sarah Quartel. Her father, Will Quartel, was the organist here at New St. James for several years, many years before I arrived. As one of Will’s two daughters, Sarah showed musical talents from a very early age, as demonstrated by a couple of very early compositions that she wrote as a kid and which are STILL in our Anthem collection. When I began as Music Director at New St. James in 2004 I had heard about Will Quartel, how admired and beloved he was by all at New St. James, and had met Sarah, his daughter, at the Faculty of Music where she was completing her undergraduate degree in music composition. I offered her the job as our Alto Chorister, and we had the distinct pleasure of her voice and spirit in the choir for that first wonderful year of my tenure. We remained closely connected even after further studies took her away from us, and indeed for our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration Jack Newbegin commissioned a commemoration anthem from Sarah that was spectacular!

Back to my gift . . . Sarah’s mother Diane Quartel has been one of our most faithful online participants in our worship services throughout the whole COVID lockdown. She has told me that she has found our services to have been deeply sustaining for her as we all dealt with the isolation and challenges of the lockdown. That knowledge is already part of the gift I was given on Sunday. Diane and Sarah decided to find some gift to give to me and to New St. James as a way of thanking us for the “lifeline” of our online services since March of 2020 and as a way of celebrating the connections they treasure with New St. James. They came up with something that moved me to tears as they presented it to me on Sunday morning.

Sarah is now, you may remember, one of this country’s most prolific, successful, and beloved Choral Composers, with a master’s degree from UBC. She publishes with one of the best music publishing houses in the world: Oxford University Press. I think Sarah remembered that the Wexford Carol is one of my favourite Christmas carols and on Sunday, Sarah and Diane presented me with a complete choir set of her brand-new arrangement of the Wexford Carol with a dedication to me and to the New St. James Choir Family.

As I mentioned to Sarah, my flame was perhaps ebbing a little as this fall has unfolded, but after this gift I am re-inspired, refilled, and looking forward to... working toward the day when we can sing this beautiful, heartfelt gift together as a choir and as a congregation with Sarah and Diane singing with us in the choir pews! That is a view of the future that rekindles my hope and renews my confidence! From the bottom of my heart, thank you Sarah and Diane.

*for Torin Chiles, Director of Music, in thanks for musical gifts shared during lockdown,  
and for the New St. James Presbyterian Church Choir Family, London, Ontario, Canada*

## Wexford Carol

Trad. Irish carol  
arr. SARAH QUARTEL

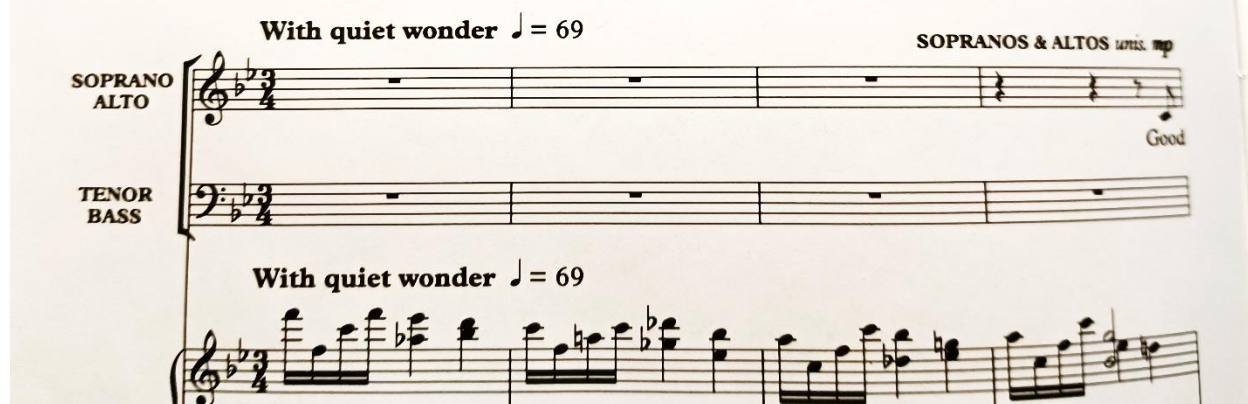
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TENOR & BASS

With quiet wonder ♩ = 69



\*The dedication reads: For Torin Chiles, Director of Music, in thanks for musical gifts shared during lockdown, and for the New St. James Presbyterian Church Choir Family, London, Ontario, Canada.

Torin Chiles

### *The Link: Presbytery Newsletter for Sessions & Congregations*

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The Presbytery of London met over Zoom on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7pm. The presbytery is one of the courts of our church. It includes a minister and an elder from every church within our geographic bounds. The Presbytery of London includes churches as far east as Dorchester, south to Port Stanley, west to Wardsville and north to London.



Justice  
Healing  
Reconciliation

**Worship:**  
Every  
presbytery  
meeting  
begins  
with

worship. Our worship in November was led by Katharine Sisk, Sr. Program Co-ordinator, Justice Ministries, Presbyterian Church in Canada. Worship focused on our denomination's role in the residential school system, and our ongoing work toward healing and reconciliation. The Presbyterian Church in Canada issued a formal apology for its involvement in residential schools in 1994. Our denomination formalized plans toward healing and reconciliation in 2006. In 2007, a seed fund was established to create opportunities for healing and reconciliation between congregations and indigenous peoples. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has disclosed all documents in our possession related to Residential Schools to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and we have

met our financial obligations under the settlement agreement. The difficult work of reconciliation continues, however. Recently, the church has set up a \$1,000,000 "Honouring the Children" fund which will support initiatives associated with searches for unmarked burial sites in communities where schools were operated by The Presbyterian Church in Canada. As individuals, we are invited to continue to understand how our own educations and upbringings have fueled prejudices and biases toward indigenous people, and to grow toward new understandings.

The work of the presbytery is three-fold. There are three main working teams in the court: a Business Team, a Ministry Team and a Congregation Team.

#### **Business Team:**



**The Stalker Fund.** The presbytery is reviewing the terms of the "Stalker Fund" which was

established to provide assistance to students for the ministry.

The Budget for the presbytery was approved. The presbytery budget includes a stipend for the clerk and treasurer of the court, as well as new computers for them. It also includes the stipend for the General Presbyter. The General Presbyter is a new position in the presbytery. This part time position provides care for all churches that can not afford a minister. There is a small honorarium for the webmaster for the presbytery. It was noted that there are specific funds outside of the budget for youth initiatives within the bounds of the presbytery. If congregations wish to access these funds, please contact the

clerk or treasurer of presbytery.

**General Assembly.** The national gathering of our denomination will be occurring in early June. It is not yet decided whether this meeting will be in person or over Zoom.

**Ministry Team.** The Ministry Team has been reviewing an issue of hurt in one congregation. The Ministry Team will be visiting the session of this church regarding possible courses of action.



#### **Congregation Team.**

The Visitation Team to St. Lawrence Church reported on the work taking place during the interim ministry at St.

Lawrence. It was recognized that the congregation is making progress and permission was granted for the session to form a search committee and begin work on a Congregational Profile. The interim moderator will report on additional progress in January and February of 2021 before proceeding to advertise the position, and interviewing candidates.

Interim Moderators of churches that are currently without a minister reported.

**Westmount.** This congregation is in the midst of completing work following a report from consultants who worked with the church over the last several months. Presbytery granted Westmount Session permission to begin forming a search committee and creating a congregational profile. The interim moderator is to report back on progress re. other recommendations in January and February.

**Trinity.** No report at this meeting.

**St. Lawrence.** The interim moderator reported that the session continues to meet, and the interim minister is filling the pulpit and engaging the congregation.

**Oakridge.** Rev. Michael Stol continues to fill the pulpit. A vaccination policy has been adopted by the church. Oakridge in the midst of a search for a minister.

### *From the Garden Committee*



#### **Do you know what this is???**

We found out earlier this month when Cathy Taylor brought it to our clean-up day at New St. James. It's a nut collector, great for picking up the walnuts that gather on our Wellington Street lawn. Walnuts are so messy and plentiful and this is such an easy way to pick them up. I am sure that Mark McDonald wished we had one sooner!

Deb Noble-Van Hees

We are ready for next year because we purchased two for the church. You will have to ask Cathy how many walnuts she picked up this year at her daughter's house before she found out about this wonderful invention.

I would like to thank the amazing team that gathers in the spring and fall to clean up the gardens, plant flowers, rake leaves, add dirt and mulch, and trim the roses and shrubs. We love to be outside, work together and as you can imagine, there is a whole lot of talking going on!

**NSJ Garden Committee:** Chair-Elizabeth Harris, Angie Benenati, Karen Buchwald, Liz and Bruce Emmerton, Marg McGugan, Nancy Roach, Cathy Taylor, Deb and Tim Van Hees and Theresa Walsh

### *From the Women's Council*

#### **2021 Baking and Preserve Market Place**

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our 2021 Baking and Preserve Marketplace! This includes all those who baked, preserved, canned, packaged and of course, purchased these amazing and tasty treats. Thanks to all of you, we have a profit of \$3320.00. A very special thank you to Karen Buchwald who spearheaded this very successful fundraiser.

Need a hostess gift or last minute shopping? Don't despair . . . you still have an opportunity to purchase some wonderful items. Call or email Karen Buchwald ([karenbuchwald@hotmail.com](mailto:karenbuchwald@hotmail.com) or 519-641-6742) if you see something you want. But don't wait too long as these delicious items will be sure to be popular. Cost is \$5 per item, except for tomato sauce – large is \$3 and small is \$2.

5	Wild Grape Jelly
6	Strawberry Jam
13	Strawberry Rhubarb Jam
2	Strawberry Balsamic Jelly
2	Peach Vanilla Jelly
10	Heirloom Grape Jelly
5	Blueberry Jam
2	Pickled Beets
8	Grape Jelly
4	Hot Red Pepper Jelly
15	Red Pepper Jelly
2	Rhubarb Ginger Jam
1	Tomato Sauce (quart)
1	Tomato Sauce (pint)

### **Update on the lower kitchen**

Great news as reconstruction will begin on November 29. It's going to be wonderful with new floors, tiles, fresh paint, countertops and more working

We wish our church family a very merry Christmas!  
Deb Noble-Van Hees

## ***Mission and Social Action***

As in the past, the Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for St. Paul's Social Services program.

Suggested items, which can be left in the big donation baskets at each entrance door, include: non-refrigerated boxed milk and powdered milk (kids need it for cereal), cooking oil, spices, salt and pepper, tea bags and coffee, sugar and flour, canned meats, cake mixes and frosting make it possible to bake a child's birthday cake, "Stove Top Stuffing", and feminine hygiene products (which are a

Lyn Hill

outlets. We can't wait to get back into our kitchen!

### **Christmas decorating**

The Christmas elves have been busy getting ready for the Christmas season, and decorating the sanctuary. Sparkling lights adorn the balcony, the crèche is beautifully displayed on our communion table, a beautiful Christmas tree stands tall next to the piano, and our Advent wreath is ready to tell the story of hope, peace, joy and love.

Christmas Elves: Angie Benenati, Katherine Brandon, Karen Buchwald, Diane Dempsey, Deb Noble-Van Hees, Nancy Roach, Cathy Taylor, Lyn Thompson, Theresa Walsh and Frank Walsh (don't be jealous, he gets to hang the wreath over the pulpit.)

luxury for many women). Please provide your donations by Sunday, December 12th.

The Committee has made the following donations:

- \$1,000 to the May Court Club Nutrition Program
- \$500 to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank for flooding relief in Haiti
- \$500 to Knox Presbyterian Church Cropshare Program
- \$500 to PWS&D for famine relief in Afghanistan.



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**DATE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021

**FROM:** The Chairman, Timvane Community Organization, Blantyre.

**TO:** Madam Cathy, Canada.

**RE: LAND PROCUREMENT REPORT**

With over joyous mood, we write to report that we have successfully procured the said land, paid and got all the necessary documents signed by both the land seller and the village headman. The signing exercise took place right away at the land we purchased in the presence of two Timvane CBO committee members.

Following the Land Act Policy here in Malawi where you need to get authenticated documents that attract extra costs, we managed to bargain for the reduction of the price to **MwK2.9** Million so that we should also meet such costs for services like; aerial photograph of the land and that of the village headman fee and this arrived at **MwK280, 000**. Though the process has been long and tiresome, the successful story is that Timvane Community Based Organization is now the proud owner of the bigger land, 120m by 70ms. The land will add more value and become one of the resource generating asset if put into good use. The land is good for both farming activities and erecting buildings.

The committee members are shown below where they were proposing the need to find other means of sourcing out the most urgent and frequent materials such as flour for porridge, this can as well save us on that area if this idea is viable. Members during that meeting were also of the same view and this seems to be a response to the members' plan. The entire committee is very pleased with this huge and very helpful development that will mark a huge growth of Timvane CBO center hence more orphans, vulnerable and most needy children will be benefiting from the services offered by Timvane CBO.



## *The Copyright Journey*

I wanted to share with you a wonderful story as it relates to a hymn (#124) which we will sing in December, titled "People In Darkness" by Dosia Carlson. But before I do, let me give you a little background information.

When New St. James decided to record our Sunday services, many things needed to be considered, and a big item was the copyright law as it pertains to any material that we broadcast. Many years ago, we purchased the Book of Praise which allowed us to sing all of its hymns during in-person worship. However, when you start streaming on-line, licenses must be purchased to give permission to do so. So we did just that, purchasing 2 licenses from "One License" and "CCLI". Why do we need copyright? Well, composers deserve to be paid for their work, and the licenses ensure that this happens. Currently, I report weekly to "One License" any hymns and music that we use during our services. "CCLI" will let us know when they want us to start reporting. Generally this happens every 2 years with them and we will need to report for a 6 month period at a time.

This journey for New St. James began around April of this year for our team consisting of Charlene Beynon, David Clark, Bruce Curtis and me. We were very fortunate to have some legal assistance from an acquaintance of Charlene. Thank goodness for that because the legal jargon is like a brand new language (I digress...)

I volunteered to review every hymn in the Book of Praise (835, if you are counting) against the databases of hymns covered by "CCLI and One License". Lots of research and about 6 months later, all of the hymns have been reviewed. Here's what I found. Not all hymns are covered by the licences and so we cannot use them in a live-stream. Sometimes, the hymn's descant and harmony are not covered, or the words and music are covered by two different licenses. Some hymns are under Public Domain which means that the artists have been deceased for more than fifty years, so we can use these pieces without a license. And some hymns are covered by the Presbyterian Church in Canada and we can use them as well. For the ones that are not covered, I try to

contact the artist through email, "Dr. Google" or FB and that brings me back to Dosia Carlson.

Prior to the review of the hymns, Dr. David Clark would email me weekly and ask if we can use certain hymns. Recently he asked about hymn #124 – "People In Darkness" - which is not covered by either license. So I googled Dosia Carlson, only to find out that she had passed away this year at the age of 91, from Covid related complications. "Now what?", I asked myself. This led me to read her obituary, and anything else I could find out about Dosia. She was an amazing woman, a minister, author, musician and so much more. She founded "Duet" (Partners in Health and Aging) in Phoenix, Arizona. I used the contact information on the Duet website, and asked if they would connect me with a relative of Dosia, so that I could ask permission to use her hymn in our worship service. It was a long shot but why not?

The next day, I received an email from them, letting me know that they passed on my information to Dosia's brother.

Deb Noble-Van Hees

Two days later I got a phone call from Arizona, and Dr. Robert Carlson personally gave us permission to use this hymn. Not only that, he is going to send us one of Dosia's hymnals so that we can sing more of her songs. It was a beautiful and moving conversation, during which he told me about his accomplished sister that he loved so much. I was honoured that he shared her personal journey with me.

While this is just one example of the copyright "scavenger hunt" I was on, I really felt blessed to have made this connection. This hymn has so much more meaning for me now. Of course, there is more to the "hunt", as verse 4 was written by Ken and Jeanne Stright. I also found them on FB and messaged them to and received permission to use their words as well.

So, it's been a long journey, but well worth it since I have made many connections with numerous artists who were so pleased that we are singing their music and sharing it in our church services and the broader community.

## *Condolences*

To the family and friends of Elizabeth "Liz" Robbins who died on November 9.  
To Ian and Mary Lou McCrimmon, whose grandson Tom died on November 23.

## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sunday School and Teen Group members*



December 2021:

Sasha G.  
Clara M.

January 2022:

Jason S.

Enjoy your time with family and friends!  
Sending love, peace and blessings  
from the friendly folks at New St. James.

## *Lost and Found*

Are these yours? Please call or email Judi at the church to claim your items.



## *Land Acknowledgement*

We acknowledge that New St. James is located on the traditional lands of the Anishanaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, Attawandaron and Wendat peoples, who cared for these lands for centuries before the first Europeans arrived. These lands are connected with the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum of 1701, and the London Township Treaty of 1796. Our local First Nation communities include Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (Anishanaabeg), Oneida Nation of the Thames (Haudenosaunee), and Munsee-Delaware Nation (Lūnaapéewak).

<i>How do I contact . . .</i>		<i>What if I have . . .</i>
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## *Advent and Christmas Resources for you and your family*

Tori Smit, the Regional Minister for Congregational Health with the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda, has prepared an Advent calendar and an Advent Wreath in a Box that you can make together at home. The instructions for the making the wreath are included on the next three pages of this newsletter, and you can find the calendar (image below) at <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17HgdR37Kec0tcTN6YQNFkSE5W8oiVH96rpbPhDydZ-g/present?slide=id.p>





### Advent Wreath in a Box

Thank you to Willowdale Presbyterian Church for sharing this idea with us.

This is a simple Advent wreath for people of all ages to use at home. To make the wreath you will need

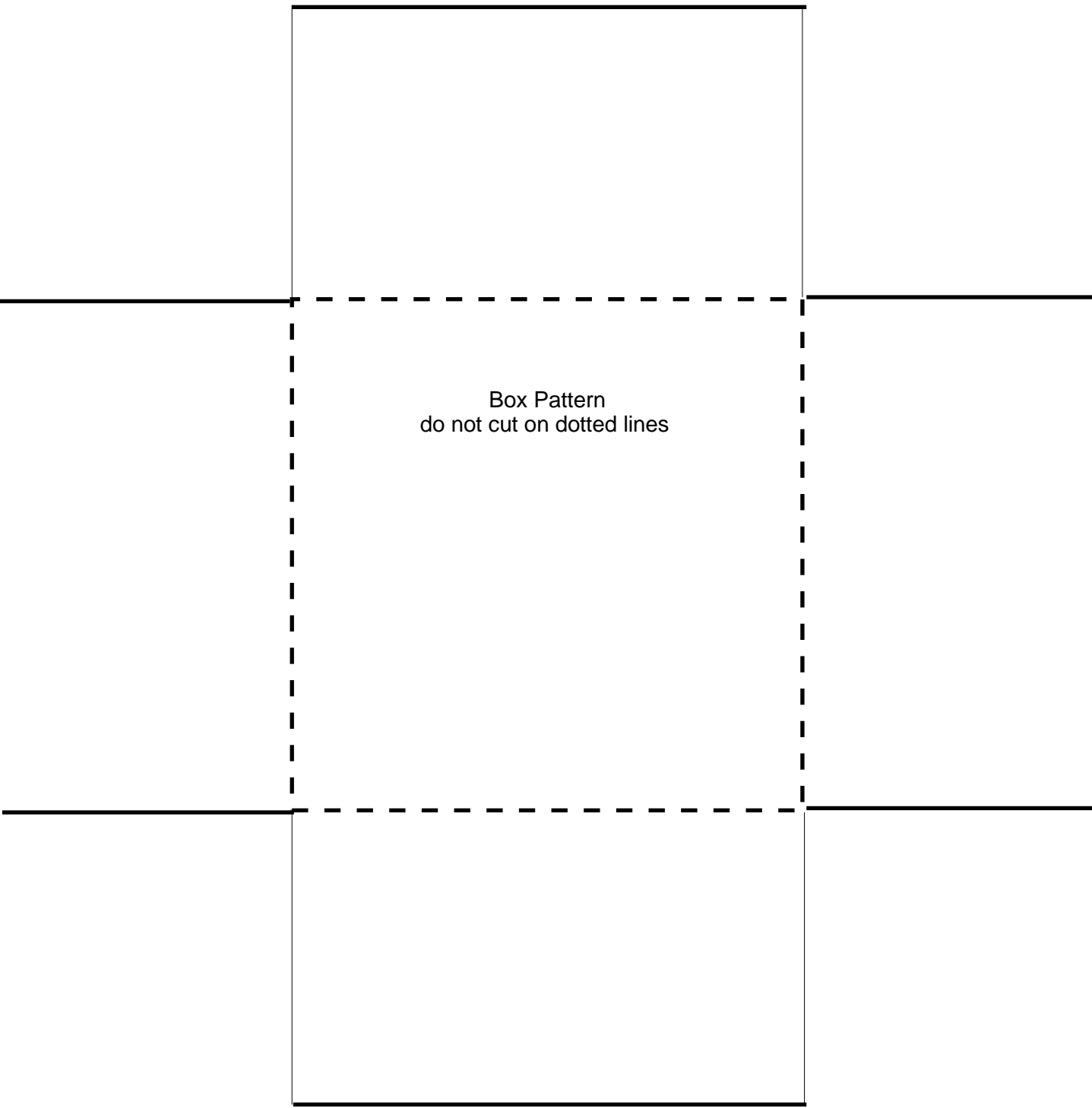
- one piece of heavy weight card stock (any colour that contrasts with green)
- one piece of green construction paper
- scrap of red construction paper or a red marker
- print out for box, wreath and leaf pattern including the four words of Advent (next page of this instruction sheet)
- 5 battery operated votive candles (available at craft and dollar stores)
- 1 metre length of ribbon (any colour, although blue or purple are the traditional colours of Advent)
- scissors
- white craft glue or a glue stick

#### Instructions

- Print out the pattern sheets for the box, wreath, leaves and words.
- Cut each pattern piece out, noting that the solid lines are the lines for cutting out and the dotted lines are folding lines for the box itself.
- Trace the box pattern on your piece of heavy card stock and cut your box piece out.
- Trace the ring pattern on your piece of green

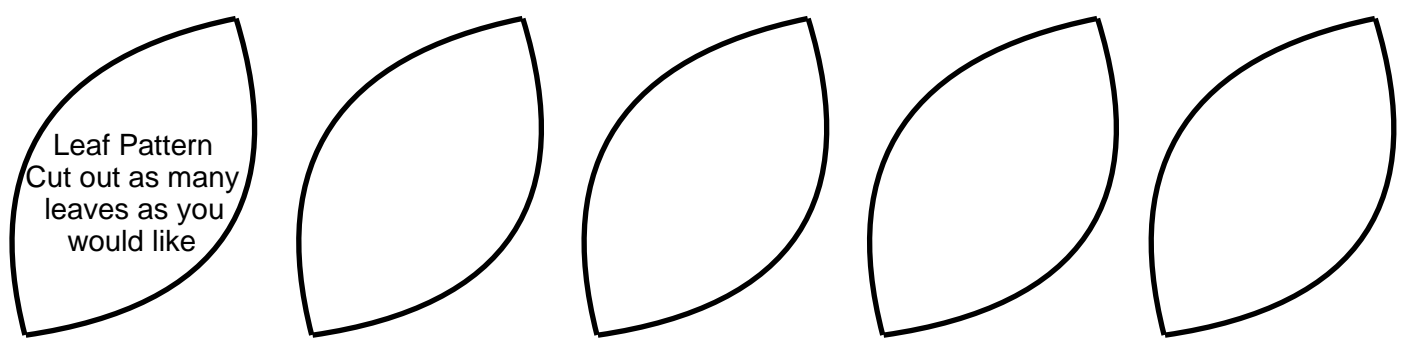
construction paper and cut out your ring for the base of you wreath. Trace and cut out as many leaves as you wish from the green construction paper scraps.

- Cut out the four words from your print out.
- Cut out 12 or more small circles from your red construction paper if you want to add berries to your wreath.
- Fold your box along the dotted lines and open back up to lay flat.
- Centre and glue your wreath onto the box piece.
- Glue your leaves onto the wreath ring and add your berries with the red paper dots or with a red marker
- Glue each of the four words onto each flap of your box, or write the words on each flap.
- Refold your box up into a box shape, taking care to gently fold the wreath along the flap edges into the box so everything tucks in nicely.
- Place four of your battery operated votive candles on the base of your box, and add the fifth candle on top of the four for storage.
- Tie your ribbon around your box to keep it closed. Open the box for using.



Box Pattern  
do not cut on dotted lines

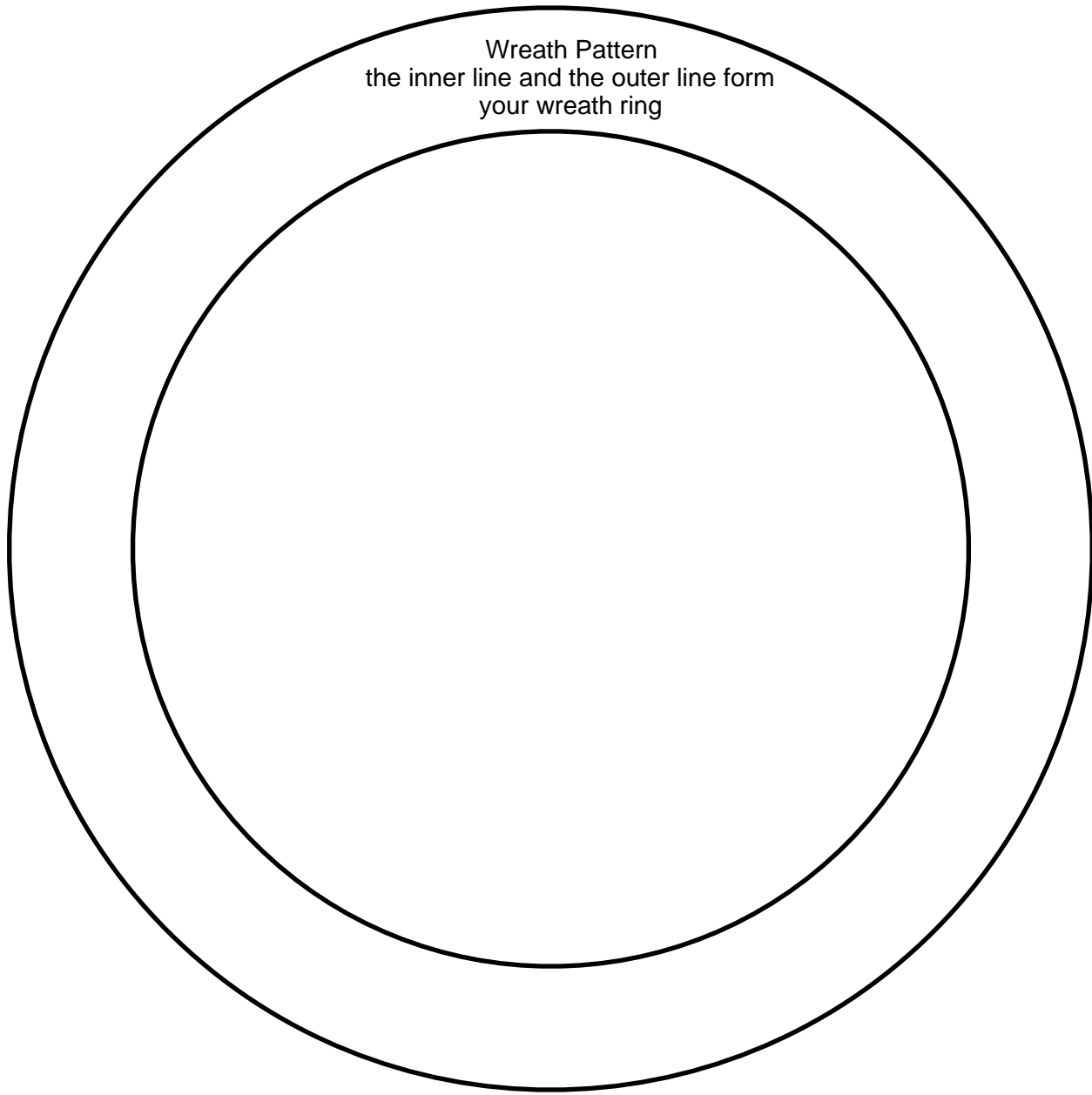
A net for a cube, consisting of six squares. The central square is labeled 'Box Pattern' and 'do not cut on dotted lines'. It is surrounded by five other squares: one above, one below, one to the left, one to the right, and one to the right of the right square. Dotted lines indicate where to fold, and solid lines indicate where to cut.



Leaf Pattern  
Cut out as many  
leaves as you  
would like

A net for a leaf, consisting of five identical leaf shapes arranged in a row. The first leaf is labeled 'Leaf Pattern' and 'Cut out as many leaves as you would like'. The leaves are pointed at the top and bottom, with a curved edge on the left and a straight edge on the right.

Wreath Pattern  
the inner line and the outer line form  
your wreath ring



**Hope**

**Peace**

**Joy**

**Love**

Four Advent Words - cut each out separately

And finally . . .

The remarkable, Mark McDonald, esquire  
loved by preachers, congregation and choir.

And most especially, by office administrators  
Not to mention your Board & this narrator.

On their behalf, I am proud to proclaim,  
Mark has faithfully served New St. James

Always ready to lend a helping hand  
Anyone's wish was his command

Remembering names of young and old  
The most welcoming greeter to this fold.

He tends to the church better than anyone  
He's written the book on how it's done

And since the lonely trials began some months ago  
Mark's been the worker who kept this place aglow

I know he missed each and every one of you  
What a blessing to have Mark see us through

So thank you, Mark, for all you've done,  
Now let me end with this thought just for fun.

To see you, nobody in their right mind would ever believe it's your time to retire  
But then again, you're the remarkable, Mark McDonald, esquire.

