



First United eNews

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12 Days of Christmas

eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

The celebration continues! We are in the heart of the Christmas season, those 12 days that begin on December 25 and end with January 5th.

These twelve days connect the great feast days of Jesus birth and Epiphany (God's revelation of Jesus as the Son of God) on January 6.

Our faith stories are like interconnected circles, each piece of the story links to another. With seamless grace God comes with humble presence in the form of a babe and keeps the story moving with revelations that Jesus is a glimpse of what God is like. There are the Magi travellers who recognize the babe. Simeon recognizes Jesus' God light in the temple, and at the age of 12 Jesus shines with Holy wisdom among the teachers of Jerusalem.

As you move through this Christmastime, trust that the story does not end. There is more to come. We've opened our hearts to receive this infant gift. Keep them open, for God is not done with us yet!

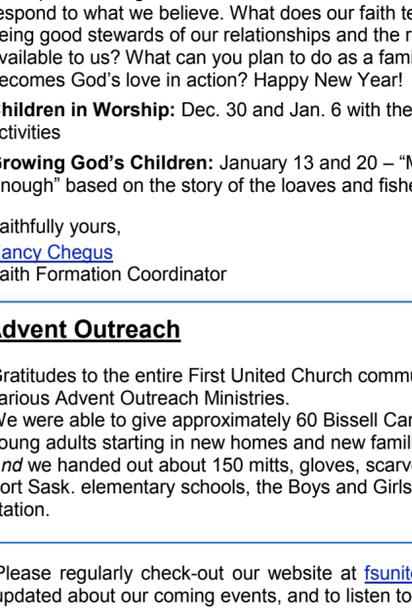
I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday, Dec 30!

We'll hear the story of Jesus' time in the temple when he showed that his birth was just a part of an ongoing story!

Rejoicing with you this week,

[Rev. Danielle](#)

This Sunday, December 30, 10:00 a.m.



Join us for the Sunday Worship during Christmastime!

Greetings from the Faith Formation Desk

We stand at the beginning of another year – a time to let go of those things we no longer need to carry with us, and a time to consider the possibilities of what might come in the months ahead. We are usually quite intentional about setting priorities and goals for our work world, but I wonder if we do the same within our family unit.

Perhaps this is a good time to be intentional about how we respond to what we believe. What does our faith teach us about being good stewards of our relationships and the resources available to us? What can you plan to do as a family in 2013 that becomes God's love in action? Happy New Year!

Children in Worship: Dec. 30 and Jan. 6 with theme based activities

Growing God's Children: January 13 and 20 – "More Than Enough" based on the story of the loaves and fishes.

Faithfully yours,

[Nancy Chegus](#)

Faith Formation Coordinator



Advent Outreach

Gratitudes to the entire First United Church community for supporting our various Advent Outreach Ministries.

We were able to give approximately 60 Bissell Care Packs. The wish lists for young adults starting in new homes and new families were completed! And we handed out about 150 mitts, gloves, scarves and touques to various Fort Sask. elementary schools, the Boys and Girls Club, and the RCMP station.

Please regularly check-out our website at fsunited.org to keep yourselves updated about our coming events, and to listen to our recorded sermons.

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