



Upcoming Events to Experience

Advent's Spirit of Vision

Sunday, December 3. First Sunday of Advent, Communion in the Presbyterian tradition, **testimony to Advent's Spirit of Vision from our own Rob Steeves.**

November-December (ending December 6) Kevin's Faith Study focused on how the Bible helps us understand our Affirming journey. Recommended book to gift, **Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians**. Book by **Austen Hartke**

Monday, December 4 - 9am - 4pm. Spirited Kids Retreat a new opportunity for children and youth on a HRCE PD Day. This year's theme: **Unwrapping Advent** – learning the life skill of “waiting.” See Louisa for details. (\$50.00 registration fee)

Tuesday, December 5 – 12 pm. JOY Lunch in the Rev. Ewen Moase Memorial Fellowship Hall. **Laura King**, will share her children's book **Togo to the Rescue; A Halifax Explosion Story, illustrated** by her daughter **Hannah**. It's a story inspired by Laura's grandmother's Uncle Arthur and his horse Togo. See Ann for more details.

Wednesday, December 6 – 6pm for 630 pm. Men's Club is back in full force with 43 men taking out a year's subscription. Don't have a subscription, you are still welcome to attend. The men are treated to a first-class meal from Tina, Dave and friends. Instead of our usual format of a guest speaker, we will have an evening of Christmas music. This year our entertainment will be provide by **“The Pepperell's”** made up of talented musicians living at the Berkley on Pepperell Street. For more information speak to Ian Parker, Randy Tyler or Jim Musgrave

Sunday, December 10 -10:30am. White Gift Sunday, is a special day each year when we are invited to share our Christmas with the wider community and world. Everyone is invited to contribute to Local Outreach with an “unwrapped” non-perishable food or a financial donation in support of Brunswick St. Mission. Please bring your gifts to the worship that day. Let the natural Light of God's love be the wrapping paper.

Sunday, December 10 – 6:30 pm. O Holy Night! A Living Nativity and Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration. The Christmas Story narrated and demonstrated with Biblical characters from our congregation (Vince is always the Angel Gabriel!), live donkeys and goats, and a joyous spirit in our Joseph Howe parking lot. Bring a friend or a neighbour! Later, hot cider & a sweet, Christmas tree craft, carol singing, and a surprise visit from a loud man dressed in red (not me), gathering of gifts for Phoenix Youth, and a warm spirit of community. *(A list of desired stocking items will be shared in an upcoming announcement.)*

Wednesday, December 13 – 7 pm. Blue Christmas is in the sanctuary this year. Not everyone is “festive” for Christmas. Grief for loved ones who are no longer with us, broken relationships, economic hardship, all conspire to make for mixed feelings this season. If this describes you, this service may be what you need. This year our focus is on how our God-given bodies help us grieve. A quiet, reflective gathering, the service will include: a sacred dance from Peggy MacLean, accompanied by Bev Johnson, sacred breathing from Jody Myers and a short reflection from Kevin. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, December 17 -10:30am. Lessons & Carols Service is a beloved time of worship at Bethany. Where we celebrate the season with scripture, reflection and music. This gathering will include a short reflection on Mary's Song from Jacqueline Connors.

