

Men's Club Steak Sale

Preorders - \$19 per 8 oz steak. Pick up on December 17th
Orders will be taken after church for next two weeks.
Not limited to TUC folks. We welcome friends and family orders!

The Annual UCW Candlelight Communion Service and Potluck Lunch

Tuesday, **December 5th at 12:30 pm**

This is a really nice time of fellowship to which all ladies and their friends and family are invited. Come and visit and sing some Christmas carols. We will present Holly Haskell from Hiatus House our gathered blankets and cheque towards robes & slippers.

Street Help Advent 2023 Campaign

You can donate cash or listed items (on entry table) to provide warmth and food. Let's Remember Street Help this Advent.

EMERGENCY APPEAL: We can do our part to bring a glimmer of hope and one way is to **donate** to this emergency appeal. We can donate online at: Donate to Humanitarian Crisis in the Middle East Relief | The United Church of Canada (united-church.ca), or write a cheque to Tecumseh United Church and mark it for Middle East Emergency Appeal or **e-transfer to Tecumseh United Church at** donations@tecumsehunited.com and indicate that the donation is for the Emergency Appeal.

WYC and DM donation request lists
are in the entry. Please help by donating to those in need.

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Donations can be made by simple e-transfer to
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Tecumseh United Church

~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

ADVENT ONE *Please stand as you are able

We Gather in God's Love

Lighting of the Advent Candles:

Advent has arrived.

We enter into the dance of dark and light.

Imagine a lantern black and gold medal carrying a candle.

The light dances with the dark

Darkness shelters the light.

Light bends and Bows to the darkness.

And the beauty of the dance astounds us.

Light and dark friends and companions .

One cannot exist without the other.

And out of the dance of dark and light

bursts forth hope the hope of God revealed.

May hope dance among us,

the hope we know through Jesus *(light 1st candle)*

All sing: *Give me oil in my lamp, let the dark and light dance.*

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

*Give me oil in my lamp, let the dark and light dance,
let the dark and light dance today.*

*Hope is coming. Hope is coming. Hope is coming,
on Christmas Day.*

*Christ is coming, Christ is coming, Christ is coming,
shout "Hooray"!*

Call to Worship:

The dream of peace and justice is our Advent prayer.

We commit ourselves

to the way of harmony and righteousness.

We worship, knowing that God's vision of peace begins with kindness and love.

We herald the timeless message of Christ's Shalom!

***Hymn #5 "All Earth Is Waiting"**

Opening Prayer:

God in whom we place all our hopes, as we gather this first Sunday of Advent, we are keenly aware of the pressing needs around us, both our own and those of others. We come waiting, searching, hoping, and praying for renewed beginnings among us. We long for the peace we discuss so often and for hope to infuse all that we do and are. That is why we begin our week with worship, time set aside to sing your praises, to ask for forgiveness, and to pay attention to your still small voice within us. Come to us now, O God, in silence, in word, in prayer, and in song, even as we come to you, ready to receive. Amen.

***Hymn MV# 195 "Long Ago and Far Away"**

Sacrament of Communion (see insert)

Faith Friends Time / The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #400 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 13:24-37

***Hymn #42 "Down to Earth, as a Dove"**

Meditation

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

Offering Prayer / Prayers of the People / Prayer Book is read

We Go to Love and Serve God

***Hymn #68 "All Poor Ones and Humble"**

Commissioning & Benediction

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Thanks to Sue Dowhayko for reading, to Jay McKinley, Sam Corriveau, Lillian McKinley and Maddi McKinley, Lauren Snyder-Gault and Jasmin Gault for serving Communion and to the UCW for "Stay for Soup" this morning.

The free Will Offering will benefit the General Fund.

Happy Birthday this coming week to Kathy Arner, Beth Hebert and Annabelle Symons