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Sundays, 10:00 a.m. in the Nave
[Click here for live stream.](#)
[Click here for Covid Safety protocols.](#)

Ministers: All the People
Pastor and Teacher: Rev. Jason Boyd
Moderator: Pete Williams
Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams
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Director of Children/Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler
Parish Coordinator: Cheri Oakley
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**Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 5th.**



Remember to turn your
clocks back one hour on
Saturday night, November 4th.

God's Doors are Open to All



From the Pastor

Rev. Jason Boyd

We have reached that part of Autumn where the most glorious of the colors have past, and where Halloween candy is now on sale at deeply discounted prices. 😊

That means it's Stewardship season. You should have received a letter from our Trustees Chair, Ed Tucker.

One of the challenges we face in stewardship is a result of past success. We do not face some of the financial difficulties many other similar congregations do. However, this can have the effect of leading to complacency, as well as not seeing Stewardship as a spiritual practice. The commitment to stewardship, in all its forms, reflects the spiritual health of a congregation; this includes our financial stewardship.

When we present our pledges for 2024 in worship on Sunday, November 12, I hope you will have carefully considered Ed Tucker's words, and prayerfully discerned what God is saying to you about your own support of the ministries of this congregation. The national setting of the United Church of Christ's stewardship materials speak of how our giving back to God through our financial support of congregations changes lives. This is what I wish to present to you: how will what choose to return to God in your 2024 stewardship pledge change the lives of God's children in our church and beyond?

Blessings,

Pastor Jason



Stewardship Sunday
November 12



Sunday School

**NOVEMBER
CELEBRATION**

FUN FOR THE FAMILY
5 NOVEMBER, 2023

What:	Who: All are welcome (ages 0-109)
Lunch Provided	When: Noon
Lesson on Prayer	Where: Christ Lutheran Church
Create prayer cards for Thanksgiving	94 North Broad Street
Boxes	Norwich, NY 13815
Visit Wolf Mountain	RSVP to Elly Powers
	Please send questions and RSVP to ellypow@gmail.com



Peace

A Christmas Celebration
for SATB Choirs

Composed & Arranged by

Joel Raney

Orchestrated by

Ed Hogan

Mary Williams, Director of Music Ministries
Dave Burch, Accompanist

**Sunday, December 17
4:00 p.m.**

**United Church of Christ
11 West Main St., Norwich**

Singers still welcome to join!

Sign up on our website www.uccnorwichny.org
or contact the church office.

*Rehearsals Sundays, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19,
11/26, 12/3, 12/10 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.*

*Dress Rehearsal Saturday 12/16
10:00 a.m.-Noon.*

Thanksgiving Baskets

We will be giving a gift card to 100 families in the Norwich community.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. **GIVE** Money to help cover the cost of the gift cards. Mail a check or put it in the offering plate
2. **VOLUNTEER:** We will need help handing out the gift cards. Dates and times will be announced.



Let's Talk Race

Broad Street United Methodist Church, Christ Lutheran Church, and the United Church of Christ First Congregational of Norwich invite you to join us for ***Let's Talk Race***, an amazing seven-week journey where we create brave space and speak truthfully about racism in our nation.

The remaining dates are: November 7, 14, & 28, December 5 & 12, 6:30 p.m. in the Founders Room. Presenting and facilitating the program is Rev. Gary Smith, Founding Director of the Center for Racial Justice and Racial Justice Consultant for the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Monday Evening Musical Club

presents

**Members and Area Music Teachers
November 6, 7:00 p.m.**

**United Church of Christ
11 West Main St., Norwich**

Free and open to the public.

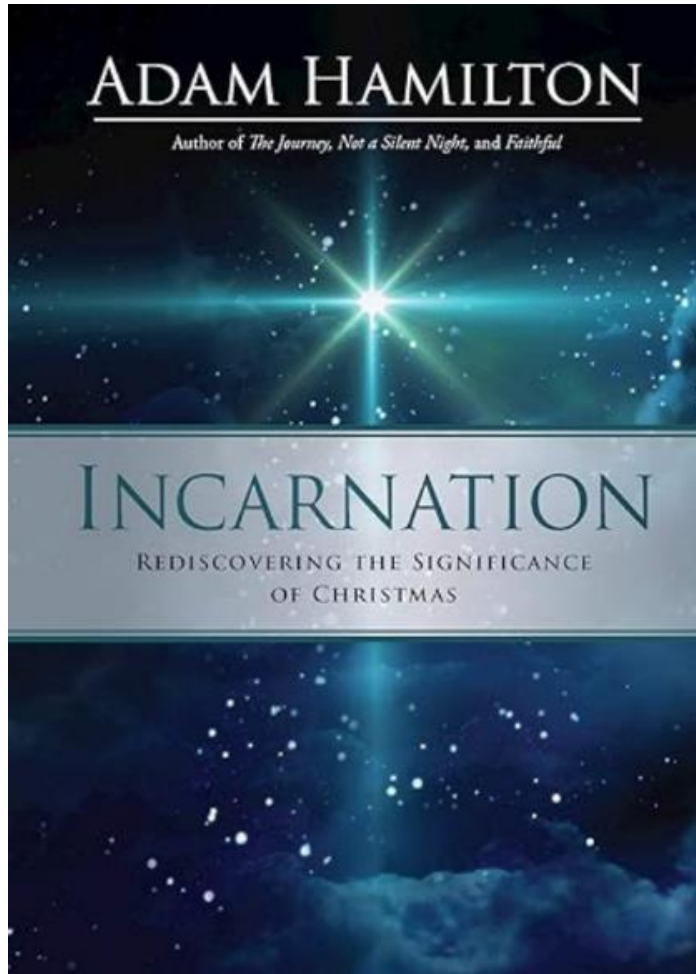
Free will donations accepted for the scholarship fund.

Livestream will be available at
facebook.com/mondayeveningmusicclub.

Community Advent Study

This year, our Adult Christian Education for Advent will be together with our kindred in Christ from Broad Street United Methodist Church and Christ Lutheran Church. See below for details on this four-session program, which will include sharing of a simple soup lunch on four consecutive Wednesdays beginning November 29. More info to come.

~ Pastor Jason



WHAT

Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

WHEN

11:30am - 1pm Wednesday for 4 weeks
(Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20)

*11:30am- Soup & Fellowship
Noon - 1pm - Advent Study*

WHERE

Broad Street UMC
(74 N. Broad St. Norwich)

ADVENT STUDY DETAILS:

In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, we'll join author, biblical scholar Adam Hamilton as he examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth.

His parents gave him the name Jesus. Yet the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed Jesus by other names. They called Him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh.

This Advent season in the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ Child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we are being invited to reflect upon the significance of the Christ-child for our lives and world today.

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints Day 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 6:00pm Lessons, Nave 7:00pm Choir, Nave	2	3 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom	4 4:00pm Youth Group, upstairs 
5 <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i> 9:00am Nursery 10:00am Worship/ Communion All Saints Observaton Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Handbells 12:00pm Family Fun at Christ Lutheran. See p. 2. 3:00pm Cantata Rehearsal, Nave	6 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 10:00am Knitting, kitchen 3:00pm Tai Chi, Founders Room 7:00pm Monday Evening Musical Club Concert. See p. 3.	7 1:00pm Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen 5:00pm Soup Kitchen at St. Bart's Parish Center 6:30pm Let's Talk Race, Founders Rm. See p. 3.	8 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 6:00pm Lessons, Nave 7:00pm Choir, Nave	9 1:00pm Piecemakers Meeting, Kitchen, Founders Rm.	10 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom	11 Veteran's Day 4:00pm Youth Group, upstairs
12 9:00am Nursery 10:00am Worship/ Pledge Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Handbells 3:00pm Cantata Rehearsal, Nave	13 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 3:00pm Tai Chi, Founders Room 6:30pm Garden Club, Founders Rm. 7:00pm Deacons Meeting, Zoom	14 1:00pm Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen 5:00pm Soup Kitchen at St. Bart's Parish Center 6:30pm Let's Talk Race, Founders Rm. See p. 3.	15 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 4:00pm Laundry Love at Byrne Dairy. 6:00pm Lessons, Nave 7:00pm Choir, Nave 6:10pm Democratic Committee,	16 5:00pm Free dinner at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. One seating. 6:00pm Helping Hands Give-away at the YMCA	17 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom	18 9:00am Norwich Theater Company, Mayflower Room 4:00pm Youth Group, upstairs
19 9:00am Nursery 10:00am Worship/ Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Handbells 3:00pm Cantata Rehearsal, Nave	20 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 10:00am Knitting, kitchen 3:00pm Tai Chi, Founders Room	21 1:00pm Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen 5:00pm Soup Kitchen at St. Bart's Parish Center	22 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom	23 Thanksgiving Day <i>Church office closed</i>	24 <i>Church office closed.</i> 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom	25 10:00am Decorating the church 9:00am Diaper Give-away at First Baptist Church 4:00pm Youth Group, upstairs
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The Place
ANNUAL HOLIDAY
WREATH FUNDRAISER

FRASER FIR WREATHS **\$35**
10" ring (25" tip to tip), provided by Pires Flower Basket

RED POINSETTIAS **\$15**
placed in a 6" pot

Tickets available for purchase at The Place,
Cottage Bakery, or from a Place Board Member
(Warren Nash, April Reese, Matt Boland, Deb Sanderson, Lois LoPresti, Norma
Kinney, Krista Porter, Stephanie Lockwood, Jeanne Urie, and Sandy Smith)

Pick up by December 15th at
Pires Flower Basket
216 N Broad St, Norwich, NY 13815

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
EMAIL: EXECDIRECTOR@THEPLACENORWICH.COM
CALL: (607) 336-9696 EXT. 103



Decorate the Church

Join the Deacons on Saturday, **November 25 at 10:00 a.m.** to decorate the church for the Advent Season. Sign up in the church office or talk to Rose Laughlin if you can help.



Ushers, and Fellowship Hour hosts are needed.
Check the bulletin board and consider signing up.
Thank you!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Emmanuel Episcopal Church will be hosting a free Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23, 2023. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Help cooking and deboning turkeys from November 18 to November 22—various days and times.

On November 22 help will be needed to set up table, chairs and table service (1 to 2 hours)

November 23—Thanksgiving Day

7:30 a.m.- Cut and package pies (2 hours)

9:45 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.—Assemble dinners for home delivery and take out distribution.

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.—Serve dinners in Church

12:30 - 2:00 - Clean up

Please contact the Church at 607-334-8801 or you can email the church at emmanuelchurch20@gmail.com. Please provide your name, phone number and number of volunteers by **November 10, 2023.**

Prayer Concerns

Let us keep in our prayers the following concerns:

- ◆ families, families that may be going through particularly difficult times, families seeking God's guidance;
- ◆ those who are moving because of their work, those looking for work, and those looking for meaning in their work.
- ◆ those who are ill, who are recovering from illness or surgery, or who anticipate going to the hospital.
- ◆ those who grieve over the death of someone they love.
- ◆ our church, that it might be faithful to its calling, our pastor, all staff members and committees.
- ◆ peace in the world.
- ◆ gay, lesbian and bisexual and transgendered persons, and all those who feel isolated and alone.
- ◆ all those affected by the worldwide Covid-19 Pandemic
- ◆ the people of Ukraine and Russia
- ◆ the people of Israel and Gaza

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO

Vicki Gray for the loss of her husband, **Gary Gray** who died on October 16, 2023.



NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Pat Flores
- 11 Darcy Gates-Brewer
- 12 Kade Schoonover
- 14 Vincent Mallozzi
- 18 Matt Maholchic
- 24 Alexander Gage

ANNIVERSARY

Annette Piacquadio and Paul Currie - 11/14/92



*The Madrigal Choir
of Binghamton*

PRESENTS

**FESTIVAL OF
LESSONS AND
CAROLS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023
3:00 PM
EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
37 W. MAIN ST, NORWICH, NY

TICKET MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE DOOR
ADULTS \$20.00 STUDENTS FREE

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GREENE OFFICE:
607-875-0530

WWW.MADRIGALCHOIR.COM



The Broad Street United Methodist Church is collecting upwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program. Items can be dropped off at their church office before 12/17. For more information, call Toys for tots at 607-952-0653.

Free 2B Me

A Safe Space for All Youth Grades 5 -12



Come relax with music, games, snacks and conversation in a safe environment where you can be free to be whoever God made you to be!

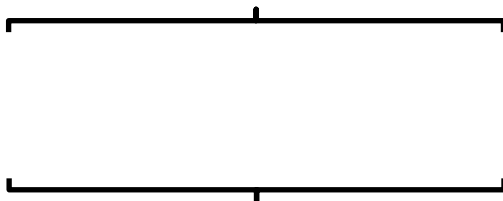


Saturdays, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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