

# Minnedosa United Church

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Advent 2017

Greetings,

As flakes of snow drift from the sky most days now, it sure is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. These advent days are filled with much hopeful waiting and anticipation as we yearn for Christmas Day to arrive. This waiting affords us time to mark the season through the making and maintaining of connections. It is a time for gathering together, as a family, a congregation and as a community. It is a time for reconnecting by sending cards and e-mails, text messages and phone calls.

Most of all, this season is about connecting ourselves to the nativity scene. We are encouraged to ponder how the manger reflects the starkness of our lives. At the crèche, we may glimpse ourselves in the narrative and see our own connection with God mirrored back at us. It is an opportunity to consider not just God's great love born in the baby Jesus, but also born into our very hearts and affirming our lives. How will you make a new connection or maintain an old one this Advent?

May your Advent be filled with the company of family, friends and Holy Mystery!

*Natasha Pearen*

Rev. Natasha Pearen

(See over for coming events and services....)

**Christmas Tea and Bake Sale**

\*Meat pies will be available to purchase

**Saturday December 2 from 2-4 pm**

**White Gift Service**

\*Please bring items for the Christmas Cheer Board Hampers.

**Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am**

**Hand Bell Choir and Sunday School Singing**

**Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 am**

**Christmas Cantata Service**

**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am**

**Evening Christmas Concert**

Cantata, Bells, Carols, and more

**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

**Longest Night Service**

\*Refreshments served after the service.

**Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm**  
Sponsored by Minnedosa Funeral Home.

**Christmas Eve Morning Worship**

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 am**

**Christmas Eve Family Service**

\*This service will include a children's story, candle lighting and carols.

**Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Please note the following:**

- No Worship Service Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Church Office Closed: December 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Congregational Annual Meeting: Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> following worship.

