



**Advent & Christmas 2019
at United Christian Church**
Lincolnvill Center
All are welcome.

Sunday Mornings during Advent at 9:30 a.m.



Children's Church is offered every Sunday morning at 9:30 during Advent culminating in the **Nativity Pageant on December 22nd.**

Any young people who would like to participate this year are warmly invited to join us beginning this Sunday, December 1!

We will be making Advent wreaths this Sunday
for any Children's Church family who would like to light candles at home for the season.
Please find Susan Silverio to receive your gift!

Advent Candle Lighters & Advent and Christmas Readers Needed
Pastor Elizabeth invites you or your family to volunteer to light the Advent candles one Sunday in December or to be a reader during the Advent and Christmas season.
Please contact Elizabeth at rev.elizabeth.barnum@gmail.com if you are interested!

December 1: Communion Sunday
First Sunday of Advent
Lighting of the Candle of Hope
Focus Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24: 36-44
Worship leader & preacher: Rev. Elizabeth Barnum
Accompanist: Peter Saladino

December 8
Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Candle of Peace
Focus Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3:1-12
Worship Leader: Rev. Elizabeth Barnum
Guest Preacher: Rev. Kate Braestrup
Organist: Connie Parker
Special Music: Peter Yanz, Grace Yanz
Coffee Hour in the Community Building following Worship

December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Candle of Joy
Focus Scripture: Luke 1: 46b-55; Matthew 11:2-11
Worship leader & preacher: Rev. Elizabeth Barnum
Wing and a Prayer Choir
Accompanist: Peter Saladino

December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Candle of Love



(click here for [Last Year's Nativity Pageant](#))

Nativity Pageant presented by Children's Church

Focus Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-25
Worship leader: Rev. Elizabeth Barnum
Organist: Connie Parker
Christmas Fund Offering



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM (doors open 3:30 PM)

For All Ages

Worship leader: Rev. Elizabeth Barnum

Wing and a Prayer Choir

Organist: John McKean

Guest Musicians

The Christmas Eve Offering will be collected to support the ministries of the United Christian Church. Please remember our church in your holiday giving, and know that your support of our missions and services is deeply appreciated.

If you are able to assist with parking, ushering or set up, please contact Robin Brawn at rbrawn@me.com.

December 29

Christmas Carol Fest & 'Fifth Sunday' Service

Gather for a relaxed Sunday morning of singing carols together.

Accompanist: Peter Saladino

Special Events



Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 PM
'Carols in the Round'

A candlelit, a cappella performance
of traditional English, German, French, and American carols
performed by the Mount View High School Chamber Singers under the direction of
Rebecca Childs.

Doors open at 3:30 PM. Space is provided for those in wheel chairs.
Anyone arriving after the concert has started will need to enter through the front door of
the church and sit in the balcony.
There will be a reception in the Community Building following the concert.
The Chamber Singers will be offering their CD's for sale at that time.



New Paintings by Kathryn Oliver

Now on exhibit in the Community Building until January 6.

Hours: Thursdays 11:30 - 1:00 PM Soup Cafe

Sunday, December 8, 10:30 - 11:30 AM Coffee Hour

Or by appointment by contacting ucclincolnville1821@gmail.com.

Upcoming

2021

Organizational Meeting of the 2021 Town Meetinghouse Bicentennial Committee will be held on Sunday, December 8th in the Parish Hall following a coffee break in the Community Building.

If you plan to attend the meeting or if you are interested in participating but not available on that date,

please contact Mary Schulien at hummm@midcoast.com or (207) 785-3521.



Thank you from the Finance Committee!

Thanks to everyone who contributed funds for a **new Parish Hall Roof!**

We were able to exceed our matching donor request, and new metal shingles are now being installed by Ivan and Andrew Stancioff, who are braving the weather with the assistance of our hearty Trustees, Jack Silverio, Ross Faneuf and Phil Hoekstra, as well as Niel Wienges.



Wreaths & Poinsettias

To help decorate the church and remember loved ones, you may sign-up to contribute \$10 and list as many names as you like. Please find Diane O'Brien at church on Sunday morning or contact her at ragrugs@midcoast.com.



Coffee hour, every Second Sunday: In the Community Building on December 8, immediately following worship. Please contact Ann Woodruff, aww0667@gmail.com, to volunteer, bring a plate of cookies, fruit or join the Hospitality Committee.



Meet our Newest Members!

On November 17th, five people joined the United Christian Church. Read more about them here and introduce yourself next time you are at church!

Seth and Brittany Green: Seth grew up here in Lincolnville and Brittany in North Carolina. Their paths crossed at Maine Maritime Academy and after a few years of living out of state they decided to come back to Lincolnville 6 years ago. Brittany worked as a teacher for a few years, but currently spends her days caring for their two children, Lydia and Hunter. Seth is an engineer on an oil tanker and is part of the volunteer fire department. They all enjoy spending time outdoors, but mostly they just love spending time together as a family. They are proud to be part of and to raise their kids in such a close and supportive community, where the church plays an essential role in their lives.

Warren Erickson is a native New Englander and a life-long Congregationalist.

He is a graduate of Connecticut College and Harvard University and spent his career in education and human resources. Currently, he is dabbling in antiques and collectibles. He has a son, Jeremy, and lives in Rockport.

Jill and Dave Langdon moved to Lincolnville in August and love it here, but they've been in Maine for the past 25 years. They have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Jill is an oil painter and Dave is a photographer. They always love meeting and greeting new people into their lives.

Special Mission Offering in December:



The Christmas Fund of the United Church of Christ

You have the opportunity to be a part of this ministry that cares for the active and retired clergy and lay employees of the wider denomination of the United Church of Christ through your participation in this year's Christmas Fund Offering. Your gift to the Christmas Fund helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to lower-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy or lay church employees in need, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks to hundreds of annuitants; administered by the Pension Boards. Your gifts are needed more than ever to help the growing number of retirees whose low-income annuities make it difficult to meet increasing living costs. This is your opportunity to participate in God's promise of renewal by enabling this ministry of compassion and care.



Meals & Rides: Pastor Elizabeth and the Deacons are compiling a list of names of people willing to provide meals and/or rides to members and friends who may need a helping hand. A homemade meal delivered during times of illness or grief or challenge can relieve stress and warm the soul. Rides to appointments and errands can also make a huge difference when one is unable to drive. If you are willing to be called by the pastor or deacons to help as needs arise, please email rev.elizabeth.barnum@gmail.com with your name, phone #, and email address. Thank you!



And, as always, the entire community is invited to our **Weekly Soup Cafe, every Thursday 12 noon** in the Community Building. Free of charge; donations help maintain our buildings.



There will be a **Strawberry Festival Planning Meeting on February 6 after Soup Cafe** to discuss the 2020 Strawberry Festival. Please bring any new idea for discussion.

Our Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth Barnum is available for pastoral care, conversation, or visitation at 207-230-4037 or rev.elizabeth.barnum@gmail.com. She will be away from Dec. 26-Dec. 31. In the event of an emergency during this time and you are unable to reach Pastor Elizabeth, you may contact Lois Lyman at (llyman@tidewater.net) or 763-4170.

Church Business: For church business matters, please contact Church Board Chair Roberta Heald, 763-3266, roberta927@yahoo.com

Prayer List & Announcements: For updates to the prayer list or bulletin announcements, please contact Susan Silverio at ucclincolnville1821@gmail.com

Both the Church and the Community Building are handicap accessible.

For more information about United Christian Church in Lincolnville Center: Please visit www.ucclincolnville.com or call 763-3800. Visit the Church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LincolnvilleUCC/.

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