

## Moderator's Advent Message 2023

Hello, I'm the Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada. As we enter into Advent and a time of expectant waiting for the Christmas miracle, I pray you are able to celebrate this time and experience once again the story of our faith. It is a story of hope, bravery, and a willingness to have faith in God. It is also a story of generosity and of humans caring for each other.

You can also join the growing community of over 1,700 subscribers, lovingly known as revolutionaries, who have found meaningful ways to engage people of all ages through [Advent Unwrapped](#). Search "Advent Unwrapped" on the United Church's website and social media channels for a collection of resources and tools to help us prepare for Christ's arrival and to celebrate the season. This year, we will have new music videos, prayer resources, craft ideas, and recipes to help us unwrap the reason for the season together.

At this time of year, it is especially important to show generosity to each other. For that reason, I'm asking you to consider a gift to our [Mission and Service](#). Your gifts allow our church to respond to those in need in Canada and around the world. Your gifts bring hope, compassion, and caring through tangible actions such as feeding those who hunger, helping refugees, and seeking justice for those most marginalized.

Whatever you are able to do, I thank you. Your prayers, your gifts, and your actions are all important. God bless you this Advent season.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BEAVERLODGE-WEMBLEY-HYTHE**  
**PASTORAL CHARGE**  
**PHONE: 780-354-2016**

**December 10 – Advent 2**

**Scripture Readings for those who would like to read them in advance:**

**December 17 – Advent 3**

**Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11**

The spirit of the Lord is upon me.

**Psalms 126 (VU p. 850)**

Sow in tears; reap in joy.

or **Luke 1:47–55 (VU pp. 898–899)**

Song of Mary.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16–24**

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing.

**John 1:6–8, 19–28**

John testified to the Light.

**Minister information**

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- **Day off – Mondays**
- **Christmas Holiday - December 25 to January 2 inclusive**

## Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge

**Bible Study:** Regular Bible Study will resume in Wembley, January 10, 2024. As part of the Advent Extension of Generosity, we will meet Wednesday December 13 and 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 1 p.m. in Beaverlodge for Prayer and Social time. Invite a friend. Soup will be provided, bring something to share.

**White Gift Sunday:** December 10 We are focusing our gifts to things families usually do not receive, such as non food products. (Paper products, personal care items)

**Blue Christmas:** Thursday, December 21, 7:00 pm; for those suffering from loss or struggling during the Christmas season. Everyone please consider attending to provide support for those who may need it.

## Wembley United Church

- Wembley Sunday Service 9:30am
- **Wembley Thrift store:** Thrift store hours - first Saturday of each month from 10:00am to 1:00 pm in the Church basement. Facebook Page is **Wembley Thrift Store**, check out our page for updates and specials.
- **No Morning Service** on December 24
- **Christmas Eve Service:** December 24, 7:30 pm

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**Facebook pages:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/406148680279467>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1552615295042898>

## Beaverlodge United Church

- Beaverlodge Sunday Service 11:15 am
- All are welcome to come for refreshments downstairs after the worship service. Thank you to the Ushers for helping with the Ushering and kitchen duties. Much appreciated.
- **No Morning Service** on December 24
- **Christmas Eve Communion Service:** December 24, 4:30 pm

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