THE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please write their name down and give it to Pastor Jen directly or to a member of the Nurture Committee. Our Nurture Committee members are Margaret Logan, Peggy Shaw, Gwen Rioux, Jennifer Morgan, and Carolyn Jones.

In the future, we will refresh the prayer list every three months. This will help us keep our prayers current while continuing to care for those in need of our love and support. Thank you for helping us maintain this important ministry of prayer.

Please Pray For….

Wayne Lavers; Debbie Crosman and family of Bud Cherry; Carol Day; family of Sylvia Doughty; Roger Voigt; Ron St. Pierre; George Morgan Sr. & family; Merton Ricker; *Candy's son, Stewart* Liz Sawyer; Barbara White; Andrew Wells; Anne Marie Barden; Harvey & Sue White; Nancy Walters and daughter Dakota; Myrna Bennett; Kathy Brown Sharron & Buddy Campbell; Irene Jeffers; George Curtis; Devon the family of Dot Galgovitch; Sharon Campbell; Dee
Clergy and churches of the Androscoggin Cooperative Parish
The United Methodist Church
- Bishop Thomas Bickerton
- DS Rev. Arlene Tully
Prayers for our neighbors near and far with

- **housing and food insecurity**
  mental health concerns
- **substance use disorders**

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Areas of Conflict Around the World & the Military
Victims of Gun Violence
Victims of Natural Disasters

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

TODAY: Ad Council Meeting @ 11 AM, Hunnewell Room

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

November 15-December 13: *Outreach Committee will be collecting gift cards for the Drop-In Center. Requested cards are from Burger King, McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts, Hannaford, Dollar Tree. Please tape your receipt to the card. Cards can be turned in to Connie E.*
November 29th: Coffee Fellowship hosted by SPRC Committee
November 29th: First Sunday of Advent
December 1st: *Advent Bible Study Begins, Christmas in the 4 Gospel Homes. Done w/ Androscoggin Cooperative Parish. Tuesdays @ 7 PM on Zoom. The book can be ordered on Amazon.com.*
December 2: Decorating the sanctuary for Advent season
December 5: Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 AM – 10 AM, LUMC dining hall.
December 5: Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt: 4- 6 pm at the MTM field behind the church.

Lay Readers are needed for the upcoming Advent Season and Christmas Eve service; please use the sign-up sheet to volunteer. Thank you!

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Today's Liturgist: Trudy Duval

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

Sermon Series: COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
An Advent Journey Through the Gospels

Advent 1: November 29 | Keeping the Lights On
Mark 13:24–37 | Hope
As we wait for Christ, we are called to stay awake, keep watch, and remain faithful. Even when life feels uncertain, we keep the lights on and the doors open, ready to welcome Christ.

Advent 2: December 6 | A Different Road Home
Mark 1:1–8 | Peace The road home doesn't always follow the route we planned. Through John the Baptist's message in the wilderness, we are invited to turn toward God, prepare the way, and trust where God's grace may lead us.

Advent 3: December 13 | Making Room for the Unexpected
Luke 1:26–38 | Joy
Mary's encounter with the angel reminds us that God doesn't always work according to our plans. Like Mary, we are invited to make room for God's presence and trust the possibilities that lie ahead.

Advent 4: December 20 | House of Light
John 1:1–14 | Love
In Jesus, the Light of the World comes to dwell among us. Even in the midst of darkness, uncertainty, and grief, Christ's light shines, reminding us that we are never beyond the reach of God's love.

December 24 | God Has Come Home: Service of Lessons & Carols
Luke 2:1–20 | Christmas Eve
The journey brings us to Bethlehem, where we celebrate the greatest homecoming of all. In the birth of Jesus, God comes home to us, bringing hope, peace, joy, love, and the promise that there is room for everyone.

This Advent, let's make our way home together.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY 2026

Presented by: The Androscoggin Cooperative Parish
Journey toward Christmas by "visiting" the Gospel Homes of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. Guided by Cynthia Campbell's Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes, we'll discover how each Gospel offers a unique invitation to encounter Christ anew.
Tuesdays, 7 PM VIA ZOOM, beginning Dec. 1, 2026

ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT OUT ON CHURCH-WIDE EMAIL
BOOK CAN BE ORDERED AT AMAZON.COM

- Dec. 1-Week 1: Christmas at Mark's House
  - Led by: Rev. Steve, Auburn UMC
- Dec. 8-Week 2: Christmas at Matthew's House
  - Led by: Rev. Alicia, Brunswick UMC
- Dec. 15-Week 3: Christmas at Luke's House
  - Led by: Pastor Jen, Lisbon UMC
- Dec. 22-Week 4: Christmas at John's House & One Last Stop
  - Led by: Linda & Nancy, W. Cumberland UMC



- Wednesday, December 2nd: Decorating our Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas @ 1 PM
- Saturday, December 5th: Breakfast with Santa: 8:30-10 am. In the Church dining hall.
- Saturday, December 5th: Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt 4- 6 pm at the MTM field behind the church.
- Thursday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols and Candlelight Service, @ 6 PM