

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT FCC—2018

*Please join us as we celebrate Advent and prepare to welcome the Christ Child!*

**Four Sundays, December 2 through 23, 10:00 am—Advent Worship and Church School**

**Sunday, December 2, 11:30 am (Following Worship)—Christmas Decorating Party**

Come help hang wreaths, string lights, trim our Sanctuary tree, and have fun getting the church ready for this festive season. You are welcome to bring a potluck item or treat to share.

**Sat., Dec. 8, 7:30 pm / Sun., Dec. 9, 4:00 pm—Bel Canto Chamber Singers: Last Month of the Year**

Directed by Jane Woods, the Bel Canto Chamber Singers offer a rich selection of music for the holiday season, accompanied by string ensemble. The program also includes traditional carols and spirituals.

**Sunday, December 9, 11:30 am (Following Worship)—FCC Community Caroling**

Join us for this Christmas ministry as we share favorite carols and good cheer with the enthusiastic and grateful residents of the Towers, Genesis, Harvest Hill, and elsewhere around town.

**Sunday, December 16, 1:00-3:00 pm (Note earlier time!)—Parsonage Christmas Party and Carol Sing**

All are warmly invited to the Parsonage (15 Kimball Street) for some pre-Christmas cheer! We'll gather around the fireplace for fellowship, song, and seasonal fun. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

**Sunday, December 16, 3:30 pm (Note earlier time!)—UVMC Messiah Sing!**

Organized by Jennifer Hansen and Julie Ness, and conducted by Jane Woods, this annual tradition features local soloists and chamber orchestra. All are welcome to join the chorus (scores available!) or simply to listen.

***Blue Christmas Services at Our Ecumenical Partner Churches***

**Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 pm—West Lebanon Congregational Church**

**Friday, December 21, 7:00 pm—Lebanon United Methodist Church**

For those carrying burdens or dealing with loss, this can be a challenging time of year. All are welcome to these intimate services observing the "Longest Night"—a chance for quiet reflection, peace, hope, and love.

**Sunday, December 23, 5:00 pm—Christmas Community Dinner**

We will serve our monthly dinner with Christmas warmth and cheer for our neighbors and friends.

**Monday, December 24—CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Family Service and Pageant, 5:00 pm**—A time of song and story for families and the young at heart; kids are invited to participate in pageant and living crèche (pageant prep at 4:00, costumes provided).

**Lessons and Carols, 8:00 pm**—The story of our Savior's birth in Scripture and carols; children welcome!

**Candlelight Communion, 11:00 pm**—A service of light and song, celebrating Christ's birth with communion.

### ***Daily Devotional Reflections for the Season of Advent***

If you wish to receive Rev. Steve Silver's daily devotional messages by email during Advent, please let him know or send an email to [silver@fccleb.org](mailto:silver@fccleb.org).

### **First Congregational Church of Lebanon**

Weekly Worship and Church School: Sundays, 10:00 am • Office Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9-12  
10 South Park Street, P.O. Box 230, Lebanon, NH 03766 • 603-448-4281 • [church@fccleb.org](mailto:church@fccleb.org) • [www.fccleb.org](http://www.fccleb.org)