

The Delivery

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From Rev. Leslie Sedore:

“It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.” (Mother Teresa)

Christmas lights, parades and music fill our lives as we wait in anticipation, once again, for the coming of Christ into our lives. What does that really mean - to you, to this congregation of Sharon-Hope United Church? I believe the light of Christ is shining in each and every one of us.

As your Intentional Interim Minister I have the privilege of ministering with you for the next 2 years. During that time it is my hope that we will enter into the Dance of the Spirit, celebrating our faith through love and the sharing of our gifts and talents.

Goals have been set around pastoral care, stewardship, congregational identity, governance and conflict resolution. I look forward to conversations and workshops on these topics in the New Year.

This congregation is part of the incredible growth in this community. How will this impact Sharon- Hope United? How can we be the Living Presence of Jesus Christ for those moving into this community from near and far? This Advent time of waiting is a time to ask questions, to listen, to extend the gift of hospitality through word and deed.

Change is one of the givens in life. How can we embrace the change happening all around us? How can we work together to celebrate the change and be relevant to the change? Tagore wrote “Don’t limit your children to your own learning, for they were born in a different time.” There are unknown blessings already on their way. We are called to watch for those blessings and embrace them when they arrive, as the Mary and Joseph embraced Jesus that first Christmas morning.

Sharon-Hope United is blessed with your presence and your Spirit. May Sharon-Hope United be a blessing to others during this season and in the years to come.

Merry Christmas to you and yours and a Happy New Year to all.

Rev. Leslie Sedore



The 4 weeks of Advent

December 3, 2017 - **HOPE**

December 10, 2017 – **PEACE (Communion)**

December 17, 2017 – **JOY**

December 24, 2017 – **LOVE**

On Sunday December 24th we will be having a Family Christmas Eve service at 10 am and then a Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 9 pm.

Sharon Hope Church Council

The Council is preparing the Budget for next year and at the same time is looking for future Council members. The chart below shows the present Council and vacancies. Please feel free to ask anyone presently on Council about the role of the Vacant positions.

Council Chair	Don Mitano
Vice Chair	John Parkin
Secretary	Gay Vancaeyzeele
Presbytery Representative	Laurie Cook, Mary Belyea, Keith Carson
Trustees	John Parkin, Evelyn Beattie, one Vacancy
Ministry and Personnel	Susan Brown Kreuger
Pastoral Care and Health	Lynn Mitano
Property	Munro Armstrong
Finance	Anna Parkin
Worship	Steve Robertson
Communication and Membership	Pearce Thomas
Mission and Service and Outreach Team	Dyanne Marlok
Congregational Life	Cheryl Telford

Looking for a group at the church that you could join? All of the church committees are available for you to join. Just ask the Chair when the next committee meeting will be held.

Church Council is presently creating a budget for the next calendar year. The church Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday February 11th after church.

On December 6th 2017, our church building (Sharon-Hope) turned 30 years of age. There is a plaque in the church describing the history of the church and also a picture in the hall near Harmony Hall of the Building Committee.

A GRACE FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Father, We thank Thee for this day.
Bless all we do and all we say.
May we each enjoy Thy blessings great
As Jesus' Birth we celebrate.
And may the love that we share here
Remain throughout the coming year.
Amen!

Gertrude B. Byram

Future Events

Sunday December 31st – 10 am Church Service

January 2018 – so far looks fairly quiet

Sunday February 11th – Annual General Meeting after church service

Tuesday February 13th – Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday

Wednesday February 14th – Valentine's Day

Monday February 19th – Holiday (Family Day)

