

The Brunswick Seventh-day Adventist Church presents:

The Greatest Gift

The Christmas Story told
with Music and Drama!



**December 10, 2016:
4 pm & 7 pm**

**December 11, 2016:
4 pm**

Call 207.729.3346 for Free Tickets.

333 Maine Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011

Church Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 04:	10 am - Service 11:15 am - Choir Practice 3 pm - Lesson & Carols at St. John's in Brunswick
Monday, Dec. 05:	7 pm - Deacons Mtg. - HCNS Board Mtg.
Tuesday, Dec. 06:	11 am - Women's Fellowship
Wednesday, Dec. 07:	3 pm - Interstate Lobster Mtg., Fellowship Hall
Thursday, Dec. 08	10 am - Bible Study 12:30 pm - Garden Club Mtg., Fellowship Hall 7 pm - Finance Meeting
Friday, Dec. 09:	10 am - Missions Meeting
Saturday, Dec. 10:	9 am-12:30 pm - Studio Art, Fellowship Hall

Do you have a bulletin announcement? Please submit it by Wednesday, 9 am, the week before.
Email to: tina@elijahkelloggchurch.org. Thank you.



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**Communion Service
December 04, 2016**

Welcome to Elijah Kellogg Church! We are glad that you could be with us this morning!

Please let us know how we can be of service to you. Feel free to fill out an information card found in the pew, and place it in the offering plate.

Sunday School for young children is provided. Child care for small children is available.

Please join us for our Coffee Hour following the morning service.

Prelude

Christian Greetings and Announcements

Introit and Quieting our Hearts for Worship

***Call to Worship** (Responsive) from Isaiah 40

“Comfort, O comfort, my people,”
says your God.

**Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and
cry to her that her warfare is ended.**

A voice cries: “In the wilderness
prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.”

**The glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.**

Service

*Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (in Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn 104 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Lighting of the Advent Candles

We read together

We light the Advent Candles

Prayer

Hymn # 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 2

(The children are dismissed to Sunday School.
Child care for young children is available.)

First Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10 Pew Bible, p. 558

Owning Our Church Covenant (in unison)

We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the Word and the Will of God. We purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshipping God and striving for truth, justice and peace. As did our forebears, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

*Gloria Patri 513

Anthem "Bethlehem Wind" Wendy McClenahan, flute
(Joseph Martin)

Service

Prayers of the People

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response

We Read Together...

A candle is burning, a flame strong and sure.
Reminds us that God's LOVE will always endure.
Deep love like the ocean, steady as the tide.
Great love which comes to us with arms open wide.

Call to Giving

Offertory

*Doxology 515

*Prayer of Dedication

Second Lesson Matthew 3:1-12 Pew Bible, p. 784

Meditation "Are you ready?"

*Hymn 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Communion

Invitation

Prayer

The Giving of the Bread**

The Giving of the Cup

Thanksgiving

**Gluten-free bread is available for Communion
and can be found in the center cups of each tray.

*Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (see page 5)

*Benediction

Choral Blessing

*All who are able, please stand.

Serving You this Morning

Minister	Rev. John Carson
Christian Education Director	Denise Perry
Pianist	Elizabeth Quimby
Choir Director	Sue Luce
Greeters	Wendy McClenahan & family
Ushers	Joan & Walter Phillips
Reader	Ruth Smith
Nursery Attendants	Denise Perry
Trustee	Eric Wohltjen, 833-0924
Hospitality	Hospitality

*The flowers on the piano are given by
The Collins Family in loving memory
of Mary & David Hackett*

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Notes & News

Woman's Fellowship: Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 6 at 11 am in Fellowship Hall. It's our Christmas Potluck and everyone has decided to bring appetizers like last year. If you plan to come please bring an appetizer to share. New members are welcome. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. The Christmas swap will be a potholder or oven mitt. Looking forward to the beginning of a wonderful holiday season. Elly

We have some dishes that didn't make it home. They are on the side table in Fellowship Hall, if they are yours please claim them! Thank you, Hospitality

These are the last days of our annual Stewardship Campaign, the time when we make pledges to the church for the year to come. If you have not made an annual pledge to the church before, there are extra packets available in the office. It is a real help to the people entrusted with the financial stability of the church to know well in advance what we can count on for income from your pledges as we take responsibility for the coming year. With thanks, The Finance Board

Flower Committee Announcement: Our weekly flowers have been arranged by Skillins Greenhouses for many years and we've been very pleased with their lovely presentations and plan to continue using their services. Unfortunately, costs have increased significantly over recent years and the price must now be raised. As of Sunday, January 1, 2017, the weekly charge for the flower arrangement will be \$40.00. (We have checked with several other local florists in the area and their prices are comparable with Skillins.)

As always, we will contact you about your arrangement to see if you wish to continue using Skillins for your floral donation. You may choose to do your own arrangement, or you may wish to order your flowers from another source. If you have any questions, please see Carrie Bubier, Patty O'Brien Carrier, Linda Clement, Linda Gillis, Kay Hunter, or Joan Phillips.

The Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Harpswell Town Offices on Thur., Dec. 8th, 10-11:30 am.

The Giving Tree in our Fellowship Hall is adorned with tags for Salvation Army gifts for kids. Help yourself to a tag and buy gifts for that child. Do not wrap gifts; put in a bag and staple tag to it. Please return your purchases to fellowship hall by December 15th so that the Mission ladies can deliver to Salvation Army on the 16th. Thank you in advance for your help.

Faith & Family

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

Advent - This Sunday we celebrate LOVE. Kira Chown will be reading the prayer following the lighting of the candles.

Beatriz - This Sunday the children will be writing a Christmas letter to our sponsorship child Beatriz (NACC Philippines). If you wish to send her a Christmas note, you can place your card in the envelope addressed to her on the mission table. Cards are available on the table for your convenience.

Christmas Caroling - On Sunday, December 18th we will go caroling at the Vicarage by the Sea at 1pm. All are welcome to join us.

Christmas Pageant - This year we will be taking the perspective of the donkey in our Christmas pageant. We will follow the donkey from Nazareth where he was raised by Mary's family all the way to Bethlehem. Join us on CHRISTMAS EVE at the 4PM SERVICE as the Sunday school presents The Donkey's Christmas Story. You will be delighted to listen to the bell choir playing and hear other instrumental renditions too. It's a program your family will not want to miss.



The Music Committee cordially invites you to

THE 6TH ANNUAL

EKC

MUSIC

SUNDAY

December 18

10 a.m. Worship Service

Elijah Kellogg Church

Featuring the EKC choir; Liz Quimby, piano; Clarissa Brown, organ; Kate Gray, violin; Louise Huntington, viola; Bob Modr, trumpet; Wendy McClenahan, flute; the Youth Bell Choir

Enjoy the sounds of the season with readings and songs!

You are welcome here!



December Food Bank Donation: Canned Soup

Baskets are located in Fellowship Hall and in the front of the Sanctuary.

Thank you!

Your Board of Missions