

## Dear Families:

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. During this busy time, make sure you pause and remember the reason we celebrate!

During this Advent season, we decided to add a daily challenge to our weekly challenges. Everyone is welcome to take a kindness token from the bowl in Fellowship Hall. Start each day with the token in your left pocket. When you perform a random act of kindness for someone, move the token to your right pocket. Hopefully this daily activity will help us all remember to spread kindness to others during this busy season.

Our weekly Advent challenges continue as well. This week, we are focusing our energy on the Olean Food Pantry; an organization that has been assisting the needy of our community since 1956. The food pantry is in dire need of the following items: 100% juice, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, cheese, crackers and graham crackers. Bring these items, along with other nonperishable items, to church next Sunday and place them in the bin located in Fellowship Hall. Let's help to give the gift of nutritious food this Christmas season!

We also continued preparations for our Christmas play. Our performance will be during morning worship on Christmas Eve- Sunday, December 24. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, December 17. My family and I will be in Boston to participate in the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. We will see everyone on Christmas Eve morning for our Christmas pageant!

Thank you for joining us today!

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