

Weekly Email Letter

December 11, 2017

Grace and Peace to you this week as we move around the circle from Hope and Peace to Joy.

One of the facets of Advent is anticipation. Here's how one writer sees it:

... I'm thinking about waiting in a new way. I'm wondering about Advent anticipation in an age where waiting often evokes anxiety.

Impatience is a commitment to the future and not the present. Think about that. It is a desire to be "there" already and not "here" now. It is a form of control. Anticipation is more often an expression of irritation of not having power or agency over every aspect of our lives than it is a sweet or eager longing. Waiting is hard when our lives are tethered to the future. Anticipation is cut off by our attachment to outcomes.

What are your experiences with waiting? When has waiting been stressful? How well do you wait? When is waiting a good experience? Recall a positive experience of anticipating something in the future. How was this waiting energy different from other experiences of waiting?

This week as Christmas draws nearer, our anticipation grows. Just watch any small child to see how that looks!

On Sunday, we will be treated to our annual Christmas pageant featuring many children and youth.

This would be a good time to remind you of our practices if weather causes services to be cancelled.

First of all, and most important, be guided by your common sense and the weather and road conditions around your home. Please do not take unnecessary risks.

The church office voicemail will have a message to say the service is cancelled. 458-1066

The Wilmot United website will also have this information on the front page. <http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/>

Wilmot's Facebook will also give you the necessary information.

Finally, you can always call Rose-Hannah (292-1680) or Ellen (206-1943) if you are in doubt.

We are hoping that it will not be necessary to cancel any services this winter!

Have a good week and we hope to see you Sunday.

Rose~Hannah