

Mikes Monday Message

Preparing Our hearts for Christmas??

*"A voice of one calling; In the desert prepare Ye the way of the lord"
Isaiah 40:3*



Dear Friends,

If you read Mikes Monday Message every week, you must be thinking these messages are a week early since LAST week I talked about preparing our hearts for Thanksgiving and now, still a few days before Thanksgiving has even arrived, I am asking you to 'prepare your hearts for Christmas.' Well, the reason is that yesterday (November 20) was the last Sunday in the year, on the church calendar. This coming Sunday (November 27) is the first Sunday of Advent, which is indeed a time to PREPARE our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

On Thursday I hope everyone will enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving dinner with their family and pause to offer a prayer of gratitude. But just so you know, this is one of those years when the first Sunday of Advent falls just three days after Thanksgiving, and since it seems to be a tradition at New Wappetaw to do a Hanging of the Greens service, I want you to be "prepared." One of my goals as we go forward is to plan ahead in all aspects of our ministry so busy folks have time to put upcoming church activities on their calendars.

Isaiah 40 is such a beloved and well-known text (it is always one of the assigned readings during Advent) that maybe we aren't paying attention to the significance of this imperative to "prepare," to get ready for whatever is coming. And you know the old phrase, Christmas is coming... It is coming and it's coming quickly!

So what do you need to do to prepare for Thanksgiving Thursday and what will you do to prepare YOUR heart for Christmas?

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,
Mike