



Upcoming Events:

- December 4 Second Sunday in Advent
- December 11 Third Sunday in Advent
- December 11 Vestry Meeting
- December 14 Choir Practice
- December 18 Fourth Sunday in Advent
- December 18 Community Dinner
- December 21 First day of Winter
- December 21 Choir Practice
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 - Christmas Day Service
- December 31 New Years Eve
- January 1 New Years Day
- January 1 Lessons and Carols
- January 4 Choir Practice
- January 7 Heart and Hands, 11am-1pm
- January 8 Vestry Meeting
- January 21 Heart and Hands, 11am-1pm

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December 2016

PRIEST'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

We are again living in Advent season—for me, a particularly beautiful season of our church year. We, like Mary, sit in trembling anticipation of the coming Incarnation, pondering our own unworthiness and the wonder that God, who is mighty, has indeed done great things for us.

This is a season I have always loved; a time I have been so grateful to share with my church family.

And this year it's a bittersweet time – the last time I will live the Advent season with you, and probably with any church as pastor and priest. It's a fearsome thing to contemplate a change of that magnitude in my life.

I know this, however. I know that God will have other work for me and that it will be good. I know that God has other priests for you – as you've had many in years past – and that it will be good. I know these things because I know that God desires good things for us always. Our work is to discover those good things, to be open to them,

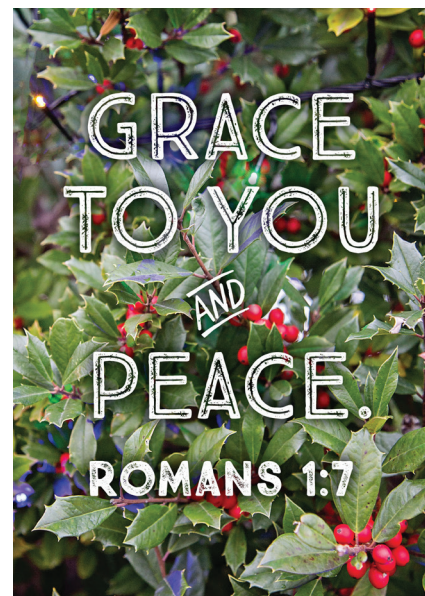
and to welcome them.

I pray that we will move through Advent in hope and anticipation and always toward God. I pray that the Incarnation will find us filled with joy and gratitude for all that has been and all that will be.

And, as always, I pray for each of you and give thanks for the blessing that you have been in my life and in the lives of so many.

In peace and with prayers for a Holy Christmas,

ML+



WARDEN'S WORDS

will return next month. Happy Holidays!



November Vestry Minutes

New Work & Ministry

- Formation of Caring Circles: Maxine described her idea as social circles and not caring circles, i.e. Cheryl E.'s suggestion of Wine Tasting event with groups forming organically offering events; Mother Lynn suggests we also form designated caring circles for looking after members; Pam F. suggested an open house social at church for PR and distribute fliers.
- Wardens' Report on meeting with Canon Lynn Carter-Edmands. Dana R. listed off next steps for transition. Discussion on procedures for pastoral care. Discussions on supply clergy. Maxine T. made a motion to continue the current weekly structure for Eucharist and Morning Prayer and report to the vestry if unable to continue in this respect; Pam F. seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dana R. made a motion to move the vestry meeting from January 8 to January 15; Barbara B. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ongoing Work and Ministry

- Doug P. reported he had no news on the parking lot. The grant application for parking lot, kitchen tabled until December
- Disaster Preparedness Plan tabled until January
- Pam F. and Barbara B. will video tape church items as Church insurance recommends (a video of all church ware as proof for any needed replacement) next Sunday
- Peg Stockton will contact someone tomorrow about Piano assessment for Baby Grand.
- High Tea Comments were shared
- Brief Review of Policies with Mother Lynn

Team Liaison Reports: Altar Guild (Pam F.) no report, Buildings & Grounds (Barb. B.) is making a must do list, Christian E&F (Maxine T.) discussed packet, Clothes Closet (Brad A.) receiving donations and seeing many kids now, Communications (Tanya E-K.) no report, Evangelism (Doug P.) – meeting soon, Green Team (Mark C.) no report, Hearts & Hands (Barbara B.) baby hats blessed and recruiting cuddlers for babies, Outreach (Barbara B.) no report, Parish Life (Pam F.) reported on High Tea, Stewardship (Barbara B.) questioning number of pledges, reported High Tea was under budget, Worship (ML+) worship meeting next Saturday

Wardens' Reports: Dana R. reported on Mother Lynn's retirement and the convention
Treasurer's Report: Doug P. reported on finances; reported on preliminary share

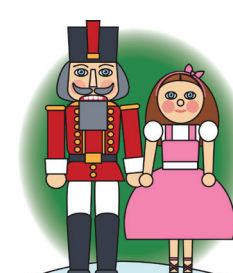
Next Vestry Meeting is December 11th



04 Heidi Huddleson
Nigel Gunn
07 Sayre Hudson
Bradley Alexander
08 Nancy Nickell
19 Patricia Renick
20 Jim Thomas
24 Kim Bayless
27 Brock Eskridge



DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS



DECEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES

15 Dana
& Mike
Rhyne
19 Pete &
Lynn
Sinnott

NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

HEART AND HANDS BY PATRICIA RENICK

I just spoke to Jill the administrator for Bridgets Path and she is thrilled to have us knitting hats for the babies, they will be open in November and start receiving babies in January. She suggested we knit premie and newborn size hats since most of the women will be full term. I said not problem. When the hats are ready we can take them in and they will give us a tour of the facility. AND they need cuddlers, it will take 24 hours of training up front but they will need volunteers to sit and cuddle these babies. Just tossing it out there so you will know.



STEWARDSHIP BY BECKY GENTRY

Advent is upon us and soon we will be celebrating the Christmas Season, even though the commercial season started the day after Halloween! Halloween displays are replaced with Christmas displays and many of us are thinking of Christmas lists and when to shop.

However, we ought to be preparing for the birth of Christ. We need to be well grounded in a stewardship way of life. Living a stewardship way of life helps us to keep our focus on the birth of the Christ child. Preparing to celebrate his birth by giving gifts can be a good thing – if our motive for gift giving is to appreciate God's greatest gift to us – his only Son. Our gift giving is in imitation of God's gift to us.



A good steward realizes that everything he or she has comes from God and thanks God for our many blessings. The Advent and Christmas Season allow us to do just this.

Editor's note: Pledge report - We have 21 pledges for \$46,732



Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Candlelight Service

6:00 PM

Carols & Special Music

6:30 PM

Festive Holy Eucharist



Christmas Morning Service

9:30 AM Christmas Day

Informal Worship –

Comfortable dress

Children - bring your

favorite presents

to be admired and blessed!

Hot Chocolate after worship

Our December team is busy preparing for our next meal which will be on Sunday, December 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

We are also in the process of forming our meal teams for 2017. Ideally, we need at least eight people per meal for it to run smoothly. Please consider signing up on the white board in the parish hall, so that we can get our teams in place for January through April.



At a minimum, let's get 8 names on the board for January, so we can continue to move forward with this ministry. You can add your name as a team member to help with shopping, cooking, set-up, serving or clean-up—or, add your name as a volunteer willing to show up and help on the day of the meal.

Please bring your talent and expertise to this ministry and join us in making this a successful endeavor. It is a rewarding experience, as well as a chance for CECX to provide a much-needed service to our community. Thank you.

Bev Krouskop, Meals Coordinator



*Christ Church Christmas Poinsettias
To Honor Your Loved Ones*

Christ Episcopal Church is seeking members to honor their loved ones in memory or thanksgiving by purchasing Christmas Poinsettias. The poinsettias are \$9.50 each.

NAME: _____

In Memory: _____

In Thanksgiving: _____

Please indicate color choice and quantity below:

	<u>Quantity:</u>		
Red	_____	X \$9.50 =	\$ _____
White	_____	X \$9.50 =	\$ _____
Pink	_____	X \$9.50 =	\$ _____
TOTAL:	_____		\$ _____

Place the order sheet in the offering plate or mail to the office with your payment. **The due date for your order is Friday, December 2, 2016.**

If you have questions, please contact Chandra Hightower at 937.376.3990 or via e-mail ccllns793@gmail.com.

Received: \$ _____ Cash / Check # _____ Date: _____/2016



Cheryl is trying to get an idea of how many youth and ages we are going to have at the Christmas eve service. She and Maxine are going to plan a little play. Contact Cheryl if you expect to have youth or grandkids in attendance on Christmas Eve. (937)313-4397.

If you are not on the email mailing list or not receiving emails, email Tanya at cecxtanya@gmail.com Make sure any spam filters allow email from cecxlist@googlegroups.com and cecxtanya@gmail.com

Submissions: Anyone who wishes to submit anything for the Trumpet should do so ASAP. Deadline for submissions is December 20. Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.

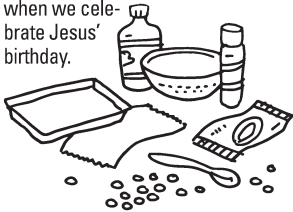
Children's Corner



For those who are young, those who think they are young, those who feel young at heart, and those who aren't any of the above (nobody's looking... Have some fun!)

birthday bark

Make this yummy treat to give to family and friends at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.

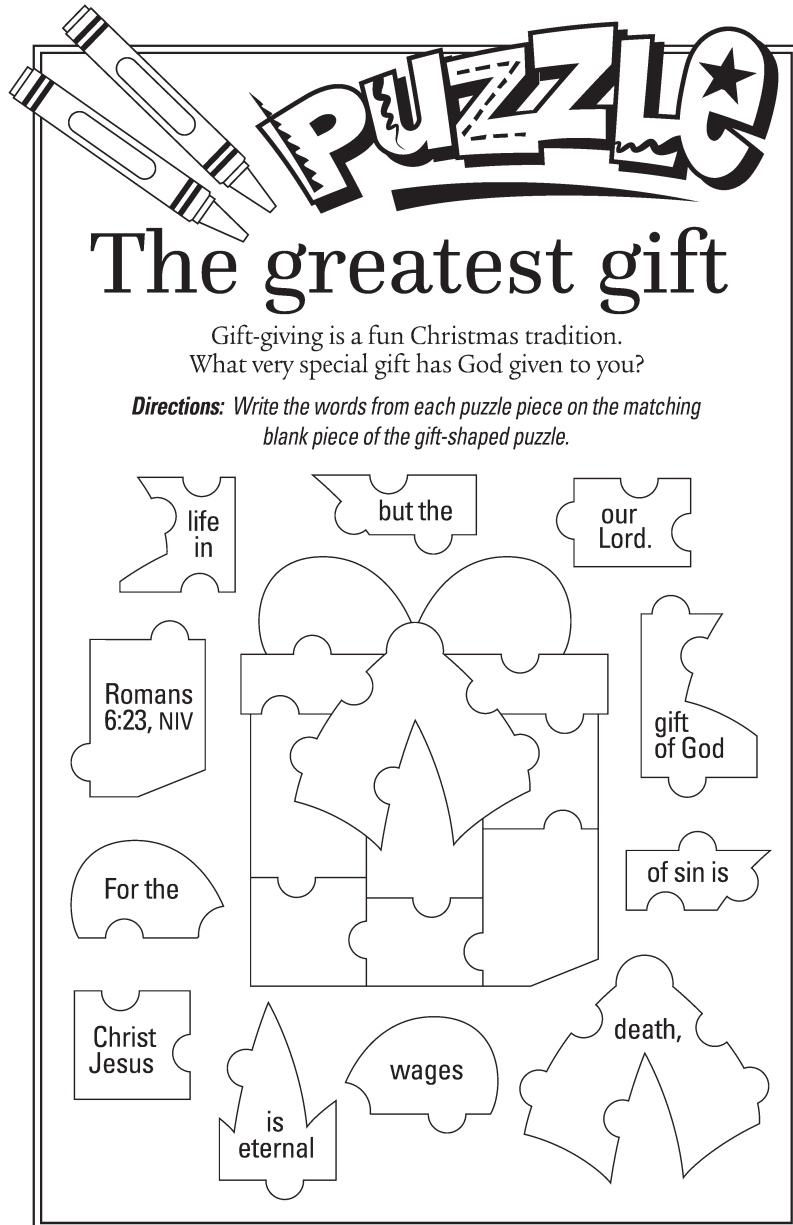


What you need:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- Baking tray lined with wax paper
- Red and green M&M's (or sprinkles)

What you do:

1. Lightly spray bowl and wax paper.
2. Microwave chocolate chips in bowl for one-minute intervals until chocolate is melted. (Stir after each minute.)
3. Stir in shortening. Heat in 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
4. Pour chocolate onto tray and firmly press in M&M's or sprinkles.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Remove bark and break into pieces.



Answer: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23, NIV



"First Church will do anything to steal our Christmas pageant surprises!"

How many wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to worship Jesus?

- two
- three
- four
- We don't know because the Bible doesn't say.

BIBLE QUIZ



Answer: D (See Matthew 2:1-12.)

December Service Calendar 2016

Ministry	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/24	12/25
Worship Leader	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam	Ruth, Tanya	JoAnne, Becky	Dana, Pam
Lector	Dana/Barb	Mark/Pam	Becky/Tommy	Ruth/Nancy	Pete/Becky
Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	Brad, Rick	Rick, Doug	JoAnne, Tommy	Clariss, Brad
Intercessor	Mark	Debbie	Rick	Barb	Dana
Chalice	Debbie	Ruth	Mark	Pam	Barb
Eucharistic Visitors	-	Dana (Bill)		-	-
Healing Prayer Ministers	Ruth, Debbie	JoAnne, Jennie	Pam, Debbie	JoAnne, Jennie	Doug, Ruth
Vestry Member of the Week	Barbara	Maxine	Brad		Tanya

January Service Calendar 2016

Ministry	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29
Worship Leader	MP (Barb)	ML	MP (Rick)	HE?	MP(Pam)
Altar Guild	Dana/Pam	Ruth/Tanya	JoAnne/Becky	Dana/Becky	Ruth/Tanya
Lector	All Lectors	Tommy/Ruth	Nancy/Debbie/Becky	Barb/Dana	Barbara/Mark/Becky
Ushers	Clariss, Brad	Doug, Rick	JoAnne, Doug	Tommy, Brad	Brad, JoAnne
Intercessor	-	Dana	Barb	Doug	Rick
Chalice	-	Barb	-	Pam	-
Vestry Person of the Week	Tanya	Pam	Maxine	Cheryl	Bradley
Eucharistic Visitors	-	Barb/Jennie (Barbara)	-	Bill (Dana)	-
Healing Prayer Ministers	-	JoAnne, Jennie	-	Ruth, Debbie	-