

Announcements for Advent Sunday: November 29, 2015

Welcome to your church! Today is also **Pledge Sunday** when we celebrate sharing God's bounty within our church community. It is fitting that it be Thanksgiving weekend. It's also **Fair Set-up Sunday**. Everything needs to come down from the attic, all the tables need to be set up in the Great Hall, chairs go down stairs. The buildings are open all week for donations!

Communion uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the wafer only, if you prefer, or "intinct" the wafer into the wine. Non-gluten wafers? Check with clergy at the rail. Thanks to service participants! (the schedule is on the back table)

Church School –We are currently looking for engaged and committed folks to help out on the Pageant and become regular members of the Committee. **Committee Meeting next in the new year; Nicole Nichols**
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Nut Orders: Orders are available for pick up in the office.

Pastoral Notes: Eileen (cancer); Sid Swenson, broken femur

St. Nicholas Fair is on December 5th : Lisa Humphreys 860-779-2024 or Dayna Flath 860-974-3276 for more information or see the flyer on the back table. **Kitchen gadgets I swear I only used once** - Calling all slicers, dicers & ricers, waffle makers, snow cone makers & salad spinners, popcorn poppers, coffee bean grinders and slow cookers. We want the items you bought off late night television or with that department store coupon. Mint condition only, please save other items for the rummage sale. **Gently Used Sports:** Best items include golf clubs and sets, winter sports like skates. **Food:** Baked goods are very welcome, esp. pies, cakes, cookies and gluten-free for our Bakery Table; **Jewelry** of all kinds is welcome; **Good used/new toys** are excellent; **Give it Again** handles those gift items you received and wish to pass to someone else; **Cooked de-boned Chicken** for the luncheon can be brought in on Friday.

Teen Program: The J2A and YAC have a number of activities being planned. See separate email notices; As posted in the Reminder **Dee Dee** is stepping down as Coordinator as of December 31st. If you are interested in this paid position talk with the Rector; Rite-13 (grades 6-7), J2A (8-9) and YAC (10 grade+); Dee Dee Markes: deedeepa@gmail.com 860-963-1245.

Vine and Branches Mural: See Rite-13ers or Jim Goodwin to get your photo taken!

Visions & Ventures/Stewardship for 2016: Time to submit your pledge!

Women's Spiritual Growth Workshop: 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 22nd** in the library (or larger space) for spiritual exploration and celebrating our Sisterhood! Just bring yourself. Jane Hale at jclhale@charter.net.

Worship Upcoming: 8, 9:15 and 10:15 services on Dec. 6th and 13th; Dec. 20th is Pageant Sunday

House-keeping:

Courier Deadline for January: December 14th; *We will mail out first class to those who request it.* Our **Thursday Reminder** is a key email update (which includes the Courier). **Do we have your email or snail-mail address?** Update or renew, see the form on the music stand **or email** (address below).

Directories... there are *usually* directories of the parish in the basket to the left just inside the office!

CSO – Community Kitchen on December 28th; Cooking a meal at CCPomfret and taking it to the Hill Church (1st Cong.) in Woodstock. See Pauline Phillips, Supervisor. **We collect durable foods here weekly for ACCESS.**

Flowers: the memorial/thanksgiving form is on the stand in back. Master Flower Sign-up outside the office starting again in January.

Pastoral Call Emergencies should be directed to office (860-315-7780) or Fr. Dave's cell phone: 860-608-7632. Or if you need to call in prayer concerns to the **Prayer Chain** call the office: 860-315-7780.

Prayer Shawls – Blessed shawls on the back table of the church (please write in who is receiving the gift in the shawl journal). More in the hallway closet by the offices: Rebecca Patenaude: patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com.

Special Mission - the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer's programs on Spirituality are in the Reminder.

Vestry meets next on December 9, 2015

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Saturday, December 5, 2015 - New to Christ Church & The Fair? Or have never gotten involved with the Fair? Need some ideas to get you started? Here you go! Contacts are Lisa Humphreys: lhumphreys@ric.edu / 860-779-2024 OR Dayna Flath: daynaflath1@charter.net / 860-974-3276.

A Call for Volunteers – We’re looking for booth managers and the main duties are setting up, pricing and working the day of the fair. Once managers are in place we’ll ask for other volunteers for various jobs the week prior and for the day of the fair.

Complete List of Booths and the items we’ll need for each:

- **Give It Again** – new items (such as gifts) that have never been opened/used
- **Bottle Board** – bottles/jars filled with pretty much anything fun/interesting that you can think of
- **Kitchen Gadget Booth** – *NEW BOOTH*, but mint condition only! slicers, dicers, ricers, waffle makers, snow cone makers, salad spinners, popcorn poppers, coffee bean grinders, slow cookers and etc.
- **Craft Booth** – Crafts, Christmas items, doll clothes for 18 inch dolls, knitted/sewn items for tweens/teens
- **Chocolate Extravaganza** – yummy chocolate treats
- **Jewel Box** – vintage costume jewelry
- **Toy Booth** – gently used toys in good condition-(NO Stuffed Animals!); collections of books or toys such as Legos, etc.
- **Silent Auction** - Unique, higher valued items, services, gift cards, etc (i.e., museum gift certificates) We **would love to have new ideas** for this booth. We can also use help picking up donations
- **Bakery** – any yummy items you like to bake (pies, cakes, muffins, scones, breads, bars, jams & jellies, etc)
- **Cookies by the Bag** – lots, lots and lots of yummy cookies. Please label (and whether includes nuts). J2A group is in charge of this booth and the proceeds go towards their pilgrimage
- **Double Play Sports**- Set aside your gently used gear of any sport, any size.