

Announcements for November 1, 2015

Welcome to your church!; Today's Stewardship Speaker is Hank Hague; 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 start our All Saints program today as we welcome Jane Hale to the Church School! We are currently looking for engaged and committed folks to help out on the Pageant, help us look over and choose a curriculum for the new year and become regular members of the Committee. The next meeting of the **Committee** will be on **November 8th**; **Nicole Nichols churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com**

Guatemala: Thanks to all who have registered for the trip. Looks very exciting. The trip will leave Logan on Jan. 9th, 2016 and return on the 17th. PID is arranging flights. Thanks.

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

St. Nicholas Fair is on December 5th - It's hard to believe that the Fair is not far away. The Fair is one of the few events in which we all participate either as Booth managers or volunteers as donors or patrons! It's as vital for fellowship as it is for raising money to give away in outreach! Help us help others. See Lisa Humphreys 860-779-2024 or Dayna Flath 860-974-3276 for more information or see the flyer on the back table to put on your fridge as a reminder. *If you don't know the story of St. Nicholas of Myra talk with Christine Carter!*

Teen Program: The YAC is on a service project this morning! As posted in the Reminder **Dee Dee** is stepping down as Coordinator. If you are interested in this paid position talk with the Rector; Rite-13 (grades 6-7), J2A (8-9) and YAC (10 grade+); **Leaders:** Rite-13: Kim Bergandahl, Greg Nichols with Christine Carter; J2A: Amy Nunes, Adam Squire, Ginger Lusa, Brian Smith, Cyndi Sturni with Steve Adams; YAC: Jen Ritzau, Peter Mann with Donna Bessette; Dee Dee Markes: deedeepa@gmail.com | 860-963-1245.

Vine and Branches Mural: Send us your family selfies via email for posting on our mural? The Rite-13 Class is working on this as well as Jim Goodwin!

Visions & Ventures/Stewardship for 2016 begins today! We are currently lining up Speakers, the Letter-Writers, the graphics and PR items. Speak with Hank Hague or Glen Archambault if you have ideas!

Women's Spiritual Growth Workshop: tentatively at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 24th** in the Christ Church library (or larger space) for spiritual exploration and celebrating our Sisterhood! No experience necessary, just bring yourself. (Plenty of laughter and snacks included!) Questions? Contact Jane Hale at jclhale@charter.net.

Worship Upcoming: Jane Hale in Church School today. Dave will be in the Church School on Nov. 8th. Contemporary Service and Church First on November 22nd; Pledge Sunday & Fair Set-up Sunday on Nov. 29th.

House-keeping:

Courier Deadline for December: November 16th; *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 November 23rd; 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.

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 November 11, 2015

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The logo for Saint Nicholas Fair features the words "Saint Nicholas" in a red, cursive script font. Below this, the word "Fair" is written in a large, bold, green serif font. A red Christmas ornament is positioned above the letter 'i' in "Fair".

Saint Nicholas Fair

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? Well, here you go – Contacts are Lisa Humphreys: lhumphreys@ric.edu OR 860-779-2024.... Dayna Flath: daynaflath1@charter.net OR 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 the 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
- **The Elegant Table**- good condition china sets or partials!
- **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.