

## **Announcements for Christmas I: December 27, 2015**

**Welcome to your church!** We welcome the Rev. Jim Kellaway as the Celebrant and the Preacher today at both services while both Dave Carter and Jane Hale are on a break.

**Annual Report submissions are due on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks.**

**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 become regular members of the Committee; We have begun to consider new curriculum for January. If you’d like to join us today, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> after church in the Library, we’ll be considering several options. We’ll be including a number of regular teachers and participants in the feedback over the next few weeks; **Committee Meeting next on Jan. 24th; Nicole Nichols [churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com](mailto:churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com)**

**Epiphany Open House** at the Carters on January 2<sup>nd</sup> starting around 5:30 p.m.

**St. Nicholas Fair:** Thanks so much! Total is over \$14,000.

**Teen Program:** J2A and YAC activities, see separate email notices; We have hired a new Teen Coordinator, **Catherine Bastow** who has extensive experience in organizing and managing; Rite-13 (grades 6-7), J2A (8-9) and YAC (10 grade+); Dee Dee Markes: [deedeespa@gmail.com](mailto:deedeespa@gmail.com) 860-963-1245.

**Vestry:** It’s count down time for the Annual Meeting when some of your Vestry members step down and others step up. We need one more Vestry member for the **Class of 2019** (3-year term). We also need two new **Officers** on the Vestry: A new Clerk who takes notes of important points of our meetings (11 a year) & a Jr. Warden who assists in the running of the parish as a volunteer (a few hours a month, and helps supervise when the Rector is on vacation or away). Please speak to Steve Adams, Peter Lusa or Dave, if interested.

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

**Visions & Ventures/Stewardship for 2016:** Time never too late to submit your pledge! The total is currently 60 pledges for approximately \$152,734. We’re getting there. Our working goal is \$213, 592. Thank you!

**Women’s Spiritual Growth Workshop:** 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 26th** in the library (or larger space) for spiritual exploration and celebrating our Sisterhood! Just bring yourself. Jane Hale at [jclhale@charter.net](mailto:jclhale@charter.net).

**Worship Upcoming:** Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 8 and 10:15 services with the Rev. J. Kellaway as celebrant. On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8 and 10:15 services with Dave, preacher and Jane, worship leader.

### **House-keeping:**

**Courier Deadline for February: January 18th;** *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 January 25<sup>th</sup>;** Cooking a meal at CCPomfret and taking it to the Hill Church (1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com).

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

**Vestry** meets next on January 20, 2016

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