

Announcements for Christmas 2: January 3, 2016

Welcome to your church! We tend to forget the Christmas really is a church season. The 12 days of Christmas depicted in the old carol are real! This is the second Sunday of the Christmas season! Next Sunday we will start the season of Epiphany.

Annual Report submissions are due on January 18th for the Annual Meeting on January 31st. 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. 3rd 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 January 24th; Nicole Nichols churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com**

Epiphany Open House. Thanks to all who were able to be there. Thanks!

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 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.

Worship Upcoming: Today, 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 25th; 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 January 20, 2016

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Christmas Pageant

Rehearsal in the TANG
CENTER over at Rectory
Next Saturday 12/19
from 10 a.m. - Noon

Performance in the TANG
CENTER over at Rectory
Next Sunday 12/20
at 10:15 a.m.

