

Announcements for Advent 3: December 13, 2015

Welcome to your church! Today we are acknowledging a *Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath* in honor of our own Connecticut victims at Sandy Hook (Dec. 14th). Our prayers of the people today are prayers for peace.

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. Pageant work today. Rehearsal is Saturday, Dec. 19th at 10 a.m. with the main parts, chimes and musicians. ***The Angels and Shepherds join us around 11 a.m for a full run through;*** We have begun to consider new curriculum for January. We’ll be including a number of regular teachers and participants in the feedback over the next few weeks; ***Committee Meeting next in the new year; Nicole Nichols churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com***

Epiphany Open House at the Carters on January 2nd starting around 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Teen Program: J2A and YAC activities, see separate email notices; As posted in the Reminder ***Dee Dee*** is stepping down as of December 31st. We have a candidate who has stepped up but 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: 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. We will also be recruiting!

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! 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, 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: Dec. 20th is Pageant Sunday, 8 a.m. service is here at CChurch, the 10:15 will be across the street in the Tang Center, Rectory School; Christmas Eve Service times are 4:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.; Christmas Day, 9:00 a.m. Communion; Dec. 27th 8 and 10:15 services with the Rev. J. Kellaway as celebrant. On January 3rd, 8 and 10:15 services with Dave, preacher and Jane, worship leader.

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 January 20, 2016

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Teen Coordinator: Dee Dee Markes (deedeespa@charter.net) Sexton: Jerry O’Brien

LEVAS 13

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, O

Fine

my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

Unison

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound,
2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, To wake the
3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout,

na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right

D.C.

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.