

Announcements for November 22, 2015

Welcome to your church! " The word "tithe" merely means "a tenth". For God, tithing is not only about a percentage. Tithing has more to do with one's heart during the act of giving than the actual amount given to God.."; **This morning is a Church First Sunday! Everyone in church for shortened contemporary communion service. Our Church School will process in with their Saints Banner! Thanks to the Rev. Kathryn White who is able to assist in our service.**

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 conclude our All Saints program today. 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 churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com**

Nut Orders: Thanks to all our sorters and packers! Orders are available for pick up in the Library.

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

Poinsettias and Wreaths: Last day to order! See green form!

St. Nicholas Fair is on December 5th - The Fair is one of the few events in which we all participate either as Booth managers or volunteers as donors or patrons! 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. **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. **Craft Booth** is looking for scrap yarn!

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. 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.

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

Visions & Ventures/Stewardship for 2016: Our speaker today is Nicole Nichols our Church School Director. Chairs, Hank Hague and Glen Archambault

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

Worship Upcoming: Pledge Sunday & Fair Set-up Sunday on Nov. 29th.

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 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 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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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? 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.

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



Pre-Fair Wreath & Poinsettia Sale **LAST DAY FOR PRE-ORDERING WREATHS OR POINSETTIAS**

Place orders by Sunday, November 22, 2015

(Delivery on Saturday, Dec 5th or Sunday, Dec 6th)

Wreaths-choose your size from 18" – 38" for a Mixed Greens or Boxed Greens in a 12" Terra Cotta pot

Poinsettias-choose from a 4"-8" pot with choices of Red, White or Marble for colors Please see Sandy or Dayna Flath for more information or pick up an order form from the back table in the church