

Announcements for Epiphany I: January 10, 2016

Welcome to your church! This Sunday we start the season of Epiphany. We welcome the Rev. Jim Kellaway as preacher and celebrant this morning. Jane Hale is the worship leader. Dave Carter is away with the Mission Team to Guatemala and is due back next Sunday evening.

Annual Report submissions are due on January 18th for the Annual Meeting on January 31st. An email has been sent out to the individual program leaders asking them to update their sections of the Report. 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 have started the Epiphany season in the Church School. We are currently looking for engaged and committed folks to become regular members of the Committee; We have also begun to consider new curriculum. At the moment it’s likely that we will be “mixing” a Lectionary-based program, special event Sundays and guest speakers and presentations through the year. **Committee Meeting next on January 24th; Nicole Nichols churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com**

Mission Trip: The group got off safely on Saturday morning. You can find on-going reports and photos at the PID website. www.pidonline.org. Dave is going to try to post to the Christ Church facebook site.

Pastoral Needs this week: Call the office-860-315-7780; The Rev. John Burton is covering along with Jane

Teen Program: J2A Leaders are meeting with Catherine today in the Library; J2A and YAC activities, see separate email notices; Rite-13 (grades 6-7), J2A (8-9) and YAC (10 grade+); We said good bye to Dee Dee Markes last Sunday who headed off to California though she will be transitioning for some time to come. **Note the Chili Cookoff is Saturday, Feb. 6th:** Catherine Bastow: 860-928-3575; catherinebastow@sbcglobal.net

Vestry: It’s count down time for the Annual Meeting after the 10:15 service on Jan. 31st. We have three candidates for the **Vestry Class of 2019** (3-year term). We also now have three of the four prospective **Officers** for the Vestry (Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden and Treasurer). But we still need a Clerk who takes notes of important points of our meetings. 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 77 pledges for approximately \$182,704. 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, 9:15 and 10:15 services with Jim Kellaway, preacher/celebrant and Jane Hale, worship leader. Next week, 8 and 10:15 services Jane Hale is preacher, Jim Kellaway is celebrant/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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