

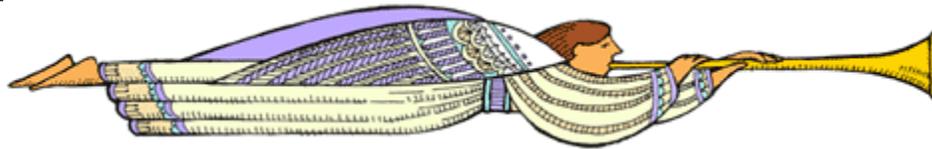


# Crossways

The Newsletter of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Johnson City, NY

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## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> ADVENT 4**

5:00 p.m. Advent 4 Celebration of Holy Eucharist

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE**

10:00 a.m. Greening of the Church—All are invited to help the Altar Guild decorate the church for Christmas!

5:00 p.m. Family-Friendly Eucharist with Christmas Pageant, “Shepherds See Jesus”

11:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist with Choir

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS 1**

5:00 p.m. Lessons, Carols & Eucharist

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> CHRISTMAS 1**

10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols, Eucharist with Choir

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> VIGIL FOR 1 EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

5:00 p.m. Celebration of Holy Eucharist

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 1 EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir

*The Rector's Christmas Letter and special offering envelope for Christmas will be mailed to homes mid-December.*



## CABARET 2017

### THANK YOU AND UPDATE

Aloha! Thank you to all who joined us for a Hawaiian Holiday. Once again, our cabaret proved to be a success. After expenses, we netted about \$2,800, including some generous monetary donations. As “producers” Johanna and I want to thank all the people who worked so hard to make it a success. Special thanks to our various coordinators: Patty and Paul Donnelly (kitchen), Don and Debbie Thorpe (baskets), Lucy and Nan Grabowski (decorating and set up), Judy and Dave Horton (tickets and more), and Scout Troop 110. Also thanks to John Isenberg, who just about played his fingers off, accompanying most of our performers! Thanks also to Ken Barkman and Matt Labosky our new “men on the ladder,” for putting up and taking down the Cabaret sign, and to Kathy Cramer and Gary Zurn for helping with publicity. Finally, thank you so much to the generous people who donated baskets, food, money and volunteer power. As the saying goes – “It takes a village” and the All Saints’ family is indeed a wonderful village.



### COLLEGE LOVE BOXES

Thank you to all who provided items or money for our college love boxes. I am sure they will be greatly appreciated.

*Lonna Pierce*

### WOMEN'S' DAY - DEEPENING OUR BOND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

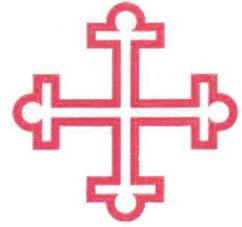
For the last three years the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has invited the women of All Saints’ to learn about the life of the prophet Mohammad.



Topics covered are their interpretation of Mohammad’s teaching on education, the role of women and children in their faith, the true meaning of jihad, and the relationship of Islam with Christianity. This day also includes fellowship, and excellent food. The date is Saturday December 2nd. Talk to anyone who has attended in the past and you will hear how powerful this time together can be. Please consider attending. Women from other faith communities are also invited, so feel free to bring a friend. A final count will be needed the Sunday before Thanksgiving. I would love to share my experiences with anyone interested.

*Debbie Thorpe*

# Boundaries, Borders, & Better Relationships



Over the course of a morning and afternoon, the Rev. Diane Wheatley will help us go into depth about types of relationships that exist in parishes, how to create and maintain healthy boundaries, developing and nurturing sacred trust, vulnerability, safe spaces, verbal and non-verbal communications, and other topics like: humor, gossip, information sharing, leadership, gift-giving, and phone and internet norms. This training is geared toward clergy and leaders of ministries, vestry members, church staff and volunteers. The cost of the event is \$25 per person which includes lunch and a training manual.

The Rev. Diane Wheatley is a Lutheran pastor from who has created this training out of her vast experience and readings. She has been a pastor since 1984 and has done extensive work with “safe spaces” and co-dependency. She is a nationally known workshop and retreat leader in the area of boundaries.

Please direct any questions to [the Rev. Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent](#).



## CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT

This year we are asking for donations for the Children served by Council of Churches jail ministry in support of Deacon Dorothy Pierce. We are asking for small stuffed animals, dolls, coloring books with crayons, Sticker books, word find books and books to read, markers doodle pads. Hats mittens, gloves and scarfs are always welcome to keep out the cold. Children range in age from toddlers to teenagers. Gifts should be unwrapped & put in the box in coat room by December 3rd. Any questions, call Judy Horton at 729-2794. Thank you.



## CUB SCOUT PACK 100 TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> AT ALL SAINTS'

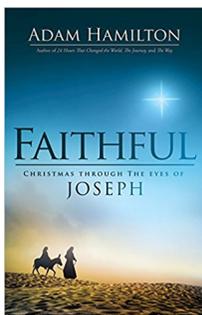
Our Cub Scout Pack, 100, will hold its annual Christmas tree and wreath sale beginning the weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> and again on December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> in All Saints' parking lot. Saturday hours are 9:00am-4:00pm and Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm. No tree is more than \$45. Trees are 5 feet to 7 feet tall. The handmade wreaths are \$25.

They will set up their “booth” next to the office wall of the church. During this time, the passage way between the back and front parking lots will be blocked off for cars. This is a major fundraiser for the Cub Scouts so please help them if possible!



## SOUP AND SANDWICH BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE

A Big Thank You to everyone that brings in their bottles and cans for our Soup and Sandwich Lunch. Please note lately we have been getting quite a few cans for Brisk Tea and Gatorade that are not refundable. We have had juice and hard cider bottles also donated but they do not have a deposit on them. Please make sure that the bottles or cans you donate have the 5 cents deposit on them. Also please do not crush the bottles or cans. They do not go through the machines or the Can man will not take them. Your cooperation is appreciated. We also thank everyone for their continued support for our CHOW pantry. Everyone's food and monetary donations and our great volunteers are why we are able to help our neighbors. They depend on us in their time of need and we will always be there for them!



## ADVENT PROGRAM BEGINS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM: “FAITHFUL: CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF JOSEPH”

Yes, Advent doesn't officially begin until the Vigil for Advent 1 on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. But Christmas Eve is Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and that would mean there are only three Thursdays in Advent: one short for a 4 session Advent program! Which means in order to have four sessions, the Advent program will begin on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. Each Thursday we'll gather in the chapel for a Taize Eucharist at 5 pm and then move into the Library for a simple supper and the program.

This year's Advent program will feature Adam Hamilton's series "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph." From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity.

With the Rev. Hamilton's 4-part series we will understand how Joseph's story is much like our own. In life, we encounter circumstances that we would never have chosen for ourselves. At times it can be tempting just to walk away. Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. The story of Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.

So, come and see Advent and Christmas through Joseph's eyes with the help of Adam Hamilton's series. Sign-up in the Narthex. Donations of \$13.50 for the book for the series will be greatly appreciated.



**TREE TRIMMING PARTY AT THE RECTORY: SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> AT ABOUT 11:30 AM!**

Come, eat and help decorate the Rector’s Christmas tree. Or just come and eat! All are cordially invited to come to the Rectory on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the 10:00AM celebration of Holy Eucharist to a tree trimming party. Chicken mulligatawny soup, sandwiches, salad and desserts are on the menu. The episcopets, the puppy bishops Alphege and Thomas Cranmer will be on their best behavior to welcome you and to beg for goodies! The tree purchased from Cub Scout Troop 100 will be ready for lights, hundreds of ornaments and even the Polar Express Train! Come! Sign up in the Narthex!



The next Vestry meeting will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Library. All are welcome to attend!

**LIFE GOES ON CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> AT 12:15 PM  
DOUBLETREE, BINGHAMTON, NY**



As “Life Goes On” usually meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month and Thanksgiving and Christmas are also later in the months of the November and December, it has become the custom to cancel the November lunch and schedule the December lunch the first week of December. Therefore in 2017 “Life Goes On” will hold its November/December lunch on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (St. Nicholas Day) at the Doubletree Hotel, 225 Water Street, Binghamton, NY at 12:15 pm. All those who have lost a loved one (family member, friend, etc) are invited to come for this special Christmas Luncheon. Please bring a small gift (\$5.00 and under to exchange). Call Arlene Foley, 797-2111, to make your reservation.



**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF PRAYER,  
REMEMBRANCE AND MUSIC TO BE HELD AT 7 PM  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> AT ALL SAINTS’**

Cries of “Merry Christmas!” and non-stop caroling contrast with the feelings of many people at this time of year. For those suffering from the recent or impending death of loved ones and for those whose families are

in crisis, it can be a very isolated and dreary time. Every greeting and every song reminds the grief-stricken of how unhappy life is at this moment.

Many churches have begun to recognize that Festivals of Lessons and Carols, celebrations of

Christmas, and children's pageants do not meet everyone's needs. To fill this gap, churches offer a Blue Christmas service. People who are not having a very merry Christmas and friends who support them are invited to come and sit with one another in a liturgy that speaks of the love of God for the grieving.

All Saints' will be offering a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The service will include music and silence interspersed with readings from Scripture and prayers of solace and hope. Each person is encouraged to bring readings to share, photos or objects of remembrance. Candles will be lit for loved ones and in hope. If your heart is heavy this Advent and Christmastide, please come and bring a friend. Come and be reassured that God loves us in sorrow and joy, and that we are not alone.



**CHURCH DECORATING PARTY  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM  
(NO HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10 AM  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DAY)  
COME AND HELP GREEN THE CHURCH**

On Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Day, there will be no 10 a.m. celebration of Holy Eucharist (there are instead two Christmas Eve celebrations of Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.) instead everyone is invited to help the Altar Guild decorate the church for Christmas! So please come hang wreaths, put-up pew candles, place the window candle and greens, set-up the crèche and prepare the Chapel for Christmas. Coffee, tea, juice and goodies will be provided.



**CALLING ALL ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS,  
VOLUNTEERS, PURIFICATORS, CORPORALS,  
BRASS AND SILVER POLISH: SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 9:00AM**

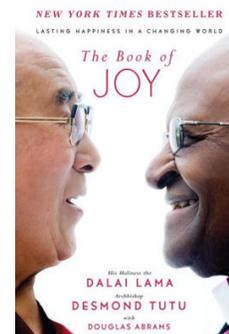
We will all meet at church at **9:00am on Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup>** to clean silver and bring decorations upstairs to get ready for Sunday 10:00am greening the church. If anyone has questions or concerns, please call Patti Donnelly or Judy Horton so a meeting can be set up before we start work. The co-directors will make coffee and bring some cookies so please plan on coming and helping. Many hands make light work.

***SHEPHERDS SEE JESUS,*  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT,  
TO HEADLINE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>,  
CHRISTMAS EVE AT 5 PM  
FAMILY CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST**



This year's Christmas Eve Family celebration of Holy Eucharist will feature *Shepherds See Jesus*, a Christmas pageant by Peg Augustine which will have the littlest members of the Sunday School acting as a sound effect chorus, a nativity tableau starring the older children and be narrated by Mother Chris. Missy and Steve Avery are the coordinators for *Shepherds See Jesus*. Rehearsals will be during the regular Sunday School time. A dress rehearsal will take place at 4:30 pm on December 24<sup>th</sup> before the Eucharist begins at 5 pm.

**BOOK CLUB TO MEET  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> AT 5:30 PM AND  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup> AT 5:30 PM  
AT THE RECTORY: CONTINUING TO READ  
THE DALAI LAMA'S AND BISHOP TUTU'S  
*THE BOOK OF JOY***



At the October meeting of the Book Club it was decided to start *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu. Since the November meeting is after *Crossways* is published, it is assumed that the Book Club will continue to read *The Book of Joy* during December and January. This book zoomed to the top of *The New York Times* list in record time. The Book Club has decided to read the chapters aloud and savor each bit.

Here's the publisher's blurb:

“Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships—or, as they would say, because of them—they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.

“In April 2015, Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala, India, to celebrate His Holiness's eightieth birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?

“They traded intimate stories, teased each other continually, and shared their spiritual practices. By the end of a week filled with laughter and punctuated with tears, these two global heroes had stared into the abyss and despair of our time and revealed how to live a life brimming with joy.

This book offers us a rare opportunity to experience their astonishing and unprecedented week together, from the first embrace to the final good-bye.

“We get to listen as they explore the Nature of True Joy and confront each of the Obstacles of Joy—from fear, stress, and anger to grief, illness, and death. They then offer us the Eight Pillars of Joy, which provide the foundation for lasting happiness. Throughout, they include stories, wisdom, and science. Finally, they share their daily Joy Practices that anchor their own emotional and spiritual lives.

“The Archbishop has never claimed sainthood, and the Dalai Lama considers himself a simple monk. In this unique collaboration, they offer us the reflection of real lives filled with pain and turmoil in the midst of which they have been able to discover a level of peace, of courage, and of joy to which we can all aspire in our own lives.”

Interested? Pick up a copy of the book (Barnes & Noble, Amazon, etc about \$12.99 hardback) and come to Book Club on Wednesday December 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Rectory! It's a great book!



## THE VESTRY WANTS YOU!

The nominating committee, consisting of Joy Kasmarcik (warden), Ida Taft, Tom Johnson and Darlene Byarley (vestry members), is requesting nominations from the congregation for vestry persons [two three-year terms] and one warden [two-year term]. Please contact any one of these four people to either place your name into consideration or to nominate someone else. Annual meeting of 2016, we changed the by-laws of All Saints' to reduce the number of vestrypersons to 6 from 9. The committee will present the nominations for consideration at All Saints' Annual Meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ALREADY HAVE MADE A PLEDGE FOR 2018

Much thanks to all who pledged or requested envelopes for 2018 by November 20<sup>th</sup>! So far, we have pledges for a total of \$113,580. Pledges give us the ability to plan and manage the budget for the coming year and thoughtfully carry out our mission in Christ. As you are able, please help All Saints'. Every committed pledge is important. Envelopes are also available to all who request them. **If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.** Blank pledge cards are available at the Usher's desk in the Narthex.

Thank you very much...

Alan & Cindy Anderson, Nancy & Ken Baker, Linda Barkman, Don & Sandy Brewster, Clark & Darlene Byarley, Dennis & Cindy Cole, Sally Cole, Jeanette Cook, Ceil Cwikla, the Rev. Christine Day, Marilyn Doersam, Paul & Patty Donnelly, Nancy & Art Elwood, Arlene Foley, Barbara Freed, Lucy & Lee Grabowski, Nancy Grabowski, Ralph and Pat Holloway, Dave & Judy Horton, Richard & Bonnie Hrebin, Arlene Huyck, Margaret & Jim Isaminger, Tom & Sandy Johnson, Martin & Joy Kasmarcik, Nancy & Larry Kiley, Lois Kimble, Matt & Colleen Labosky, Debbie & Herb Lake, Shirley Lipman, Juanita Lougher, Sue & Steve Mahon, Bob & Betty McCurry, Alan Motsko, Eileen & Dave Patch, David and Lonna Pierce, Barri-lyn & Henry Polhamus, Sara-Jo Sites, Bob Steber, Lori Szwalla, Roberta Szwalla, Larry & Ida Taft, Don & Debbie Thorpe, Bill & Kim Trowbridge, Bill & Margaret Vollrath, John Watkins, Gary & Bobbi Zurn.



**ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>!**

Are you the chair of a committee? Stewardship? Are you a leader of an activity? Property & Grounds? CHOW? College Love Boxes? Christian Ed Director? Music Director? Treasurer? Soup & Sandwich Lunch Program, Etc.? Then please send in your written report of your ministry during 2017. The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 and **reports are due January 11<sup>th</sup>!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2018 AT 10:00AM**

The Annual Meeting of All Saints’ Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 beginning at the 10:00 a.m. celebration of Holy Eucharist, adjourning for a Pot Luck Brunch in the Great Hall after which the meeting will resume. See “THE VESTRY WANTS YOU!” above for details on vestrypersons and warden to be elected. Come and have your opinion heard. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. At All Saints’ all are welcome!

**DOLLAR\$&CENTS**

**OCTOBER 2017**

All Saints’ 2017 budget is a deficit budget that will require using \$10,973 from previous years’ income equity surpluses and/or special gifts to balance the budget. Some of this gap is the result of having fewer pledges: 56 pledges in 2017 and 59 pledges in 2016. The rest is due to small increases in expenses.

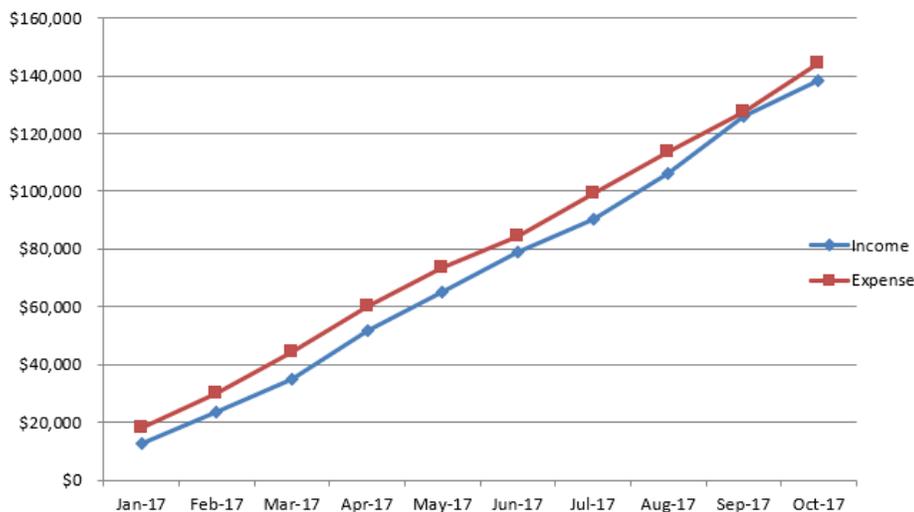
In 2017, a monthly income of \$ 14,702 will be necessary to meet operating expense cash flow. This will be difficult to do as the projected income is only approximately \$13,643 per month and All Saints’ major fundraising events and fundraising income occur during May, June, September and November. It can be expected that the Vestry will decide to use available surplus funds from other years for cash flow.

Therefore, it will be more important than ever to keep one’s pledge up-to-date and to make additional gifts if possible. Truly, with “God all things are possible” (Mt. 19:26).

	Actual as of October 31, 2017	Annual Budget 2017
Offering & Pledges	\$107,599	\$143,504
Fundraising*	\$ 17,116	\$18,450
Other Income	\$ 13,358	\$9,590
Faith Income	\$ 100	<b>\$14,524</b>
Total Income	\$138,173	\$186,068
Total Expenses	\$144,026	\$186,068
Profit (Deficit)	<b>(\$ 5,853)</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*Gross Income: does not include Cabaret yet

	As of October 31, 2017	Total October 2017
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Petty Cash	\$ 400	
<u>All Saints' Checking</u>	<u>\$ 4,796</u>	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,196	
Savings Accounts		
Soup & Sandwiches Savings	\$ 4,974	
Designated Funds	\$ 8,582	
Rebuilding All Saints'*	\$ 3,486	
Total Savings	<u>\$17,042</u>	
Total Cash & Savings		<u>\$22,238</u>
UIF Investment Funds*	\$28,595	
Total Cash, Savings, Investments		<u>\$50,834</u>



**Special Christmas Offering** — Christmas Offering Envelopes will be inserted in the Rector's Christmas letter to be mailed in mid-December. Please remember that you **must include your name** on the envelope to receive credit on your giving statement.

**Year 2018 Pledge Envelopes** — for parishioners who have requested envelopes will be available for pick up in the narthex of the church on the weekend of 12/16&17. If you would like envelopes and do not find them there, please contact the office and a set will be assigned to you. **Please do not use envelopes from a prior year for 2017 contributions**, as new numbers are assigned each year and you may not receive credit for your contribution.

**Year 2017 Pledge Statement Reminder** — Pledge and other special gifts **received on or before December 31, 2017** will be posted on your Year 2017 statement. Pledge offerings and other special offerings arriving **after** December 31 will be posted on your 2018 statements. If you would like a statement of what you have paid to date, please contact the office. Year 2017 final statements will be available for pickup in the narthex the week of January 24<sup>th</sup>. If you wish your statement mailed to you, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the church office.

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Your editor – Gary Zurn

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**Kaire – 'Be joyful'**

"With the angel's greeting to Mary – 'kaire' in the Greek, which means 'be joyful' – the New Testament begins. The first word of the New Testament is 'be joyful.' Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not the expensive gifts that call for time and money. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us."

– Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



**PRAYER LIST  
BEGINNING  
DECEMBER**

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector. Once a year, at the beginning of Advent the current Long Term List will be used for the month of December, but will start again, with names moving down from the Short-Term List in January. If you have a person you wish to remain on the Long-Term List, **you must send in the name to the office by January 4, 2018** to be included on the **new** Long-Term List.

***MILITARY LIST:***

Ben Holbus, Curtis Sholtes, Robert Preston, Joe Gentile, Steven Serbun, Justin Gillmer, Michael Lake

***SHORT TERM LIST:***

Noel Benson, Henry Polhamus, Nicole Lane, Rick Hrebin, Father Adrian Amaya, Tiernan, Dick Escott, Patrick Cooney, Bonnie & John Mando, Marilyn Doersam, Betty McCurry, Ruth Furman, Ryan Lane, Laura Harmon, Jim & Margaret Isaminger, Cooper Bush, Libby Anderson, Cindy Anderson, Cheyanne Rae Westbrook, Wilma Nauerz, Justin Avery, and Sarah Harrison-Pautard

***LONG TERM LIST:***

Mother Joelle Szachara, Father Don Mathews, Louise Pierce, Nan Grabowski, Lucy & Lee Grabowski, Chieyann Grabowski, Bella LaMaine, Joy Kasmarcik, Phillip Kasmarcik, Jayden Kasmarcik, Louise Rogers, Sam McMullen, David Pierce, Luther Chergosky, Eli Pierce, Jessica Mc Bride, Lori Szwalla, Tony Szwalla, Ralph Holloway; Bob Gillmer, Clark Byarley; Nanette McIntosh

*Celebrations in* **DECEMBER**

- 02 Austin Steber
- 03 Benjamin Reynolds
- 04 Debbie Thorpe
- 09 Barri Lynn Polhamus
- 17 Carol Mastroe  
Hank Scott
- 18 Cynthia Macarak
- 19 Robert McCurry
- 23 Barbara Freed
- 25 Joseph Dotolo
- 28 Ryan Hrebin  
Kayleigh Mahon
- 30 Arlene Foley
- 31 Matthew Labosky



- 17 Gary and Bobbi Zurn
- 28 Nancy and Kenneth Baker



***Sanctuary Candle***

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – given by Barb Freed in memory of Donald Freed

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** – OPEN

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** – OPEN

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – given by Allen and Carol Motsko in memory of William and Martha Motsko; and given by Arlene Foley in memory of John Foley, Elizabeth Foley, Jacqueline Foley and Mary Stiles

**December 31<sup>st</sup>**- OPEN



## *Altar Flowers*

Sanctuary Flowers

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** –given by Dave and Judy Horton in thanksgiving for birthday of their daughter Barrilyn Polhamus; given by Don Thorpe in thanksgiving for the birthday of his wife Debbie Thorpe and given by Bobbi and Gary Zurn in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son, Dr. Derek Zurn

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** – given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for Tina Gutta's birthday; given by Patti & Paul Donnelly in memory of John Paul Donnelly; and given by Amy & Steve Kelly in memory of Connie Whalen

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** –given by Debbie & Don Thorpe in memory of Fred VanDervoort; given by Carol Mastroe in memory of Arthur Phillips, grandfather of Jackie Wood; given by Lonna and David Pierce in thanksgiving of birthday of Louise Pierce and given by Bobbi and Gary Zurn in thanksgiving of their 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Blanding; given in memory of Mrs. Ermine McDonald; given in memory of Sarah and Richard Rath by Patti & Paul Donnelly; given in memory of Walter Brink, Donald Freed, Connie Whalen by Barb Freed; given in memory of Erica Jamgochian, Martin Cwilka by Ceil Cwikla; given in memory of Adeline, Albert, Marilyn Thorpe and Frederic, Teresa, Stephen VanDervoort Debbie and Don Thorpe; given in memory of Jacqueline Foley, John, Foley, Richard Rath by Arlene Foley and given in memory of William and Martha Motsko by Allen and Carol Motsko

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** – OPEN

**Memorials designated for Christmas Bulletins** are available for review at the Memorial Desk. The deadline for submitting Christmas memorials is Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> [Advent 3.] Please use Flower Fund and Sanctuary Candle Fund forms (available at the Tract Rack & Memorial Desk) to add memorials and leave the form(s) and your donation in the office door mailbox. *Thank You!*



*The Rector, Wardens, Vestry & Staff  
Wish you a Blessed Christmas*

## Celebrations in

January



02 Wilma Nauerz  
03 Robert E. Steber  
05 Paul Labosky  
08 Adam Robert Davie  
10 Jay Shoemaker  
18 John Weaver  
19 Henry Polhamus  
20 Nancy Baker  
22 Christian Day  
23 Johanna Kiley Hickey  
25 Lauren Kiley Saleeby



**No anniversaries this month!**



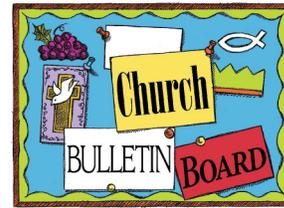
### **Sanctuary Candle**

**January 7<sup>th</sup> – OPEN**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** – given by Linda Barkman in memory of Wayland (Bud) Alexander

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** – given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of Amelia Bennett

**January 28<sup>th</sup> – OPEN**



**Remember to check the parish bulletin boards at our main entrance for news that arrives after *Crossways* is printed.**

**Weekly parish announcements are forwarded to our [websexton](http://websexton) and are posted on our website.**



### **Altar Flowers**

**January 7<sup>th</sup>** – given Larry and Ida Taft in thanksgiving of Adam Davie's birthday

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** – given by Barbara Freed in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son, Steven Freed.

**January 21<sup>nd</sup> – OPEN**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** – given by Lonna and David Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of Lanah Isobel granddaughter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2017</h1>					+By a date indicates that the Rector is away all or part of the day Office Hours: Tues-Thurs. 9-3 If coming to the office the weeks of December 17 and 25, please phone ahead to insure that someone is there 🌲 Cub Scout Pack 100 Christmas Tree Sale	
					1 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	2 🌲 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch +St. Mark's CB - Boundries 9am - 3:30pm Women's Day at the Mosque 5:00pm HE
3 <b>Advent 1</b> 🌲 10:00am HE 11:30 am Tree Trimming @ Rectory	4 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 6:00pm-9:00pm Cub Pack 100	5 6:00pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110	6 + 12:30pm LGO lunch @ DoubleTree	7 5:00pm Advent Program 7:00pm Choir	8 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	9 🌲 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
10 <b>Advent 2</b> 🌲 + 10:00am HE  2:30pm Bridgewater	11 + <b>Church Office Closed</b> 6:00pm-9:00pm Cub Pack 100	12 + 3:30 pm Rector/Wardens 6:00pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110	13 11:30am Welsh Luncheon 6:00pm Cub Pack Committee Meeting 6:30pm Vestry	14 5:00pm Advent Program 7:00pm Choir	15 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	16 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch  5:00pm HE
17 <b>Advent 3</b> 10am HE  7 pm Blue Christmas Service	18 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 6:00pm-9:00pm Cub Pack 100	19 6:00pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110	20	21 5:00pm Advent Program 7:00pm Choir	22 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	23 9:00am Cleaning of Brass for Christmas 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
24 <b>Advent 4+</b> <b>10:00am (NO HE)</b> Decorating Church <b>2:30pm</b> Susquehanna HE <b>5:00pm</b> Family Christmas Eve HE & Pageant <b>11:00pm</b> Midnight Festive Christmas	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>10:00am HE</b>  <b>CHOW Pantry and Church Office Closed</b>	26 + 6:00pm-9:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110	27 12 noon Clericus Lunch 5:30pm Book Club at Rectory	28	29 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	30 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Team!</b> 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE & Lessons & Carols
31 <b>Christmas 1</b> + 10:00am HE & Lessons & Carols 3:00pm Vestal						

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<h1>January 2018</h1>					+By a date indicates that the Rector is away all or part of the day Office Hours: Tues-Thurs. 9-3	
	1 <b>The Holy Name Church Office Closed</b>	2	3	4 7:00pm Choir	5 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	6 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
7 <b>Epiphany 1</b> 10:00am HE [Church un-decorated after 10am service]	8 + <b>Church Office Closed</b>  5:30pm-9:00pm Scouts	9+ 3:30 pm Rector/Wardens	10 6:00pm Cub Pack Committee Meeting  6:30pm Vestry Mtg.	11 7:00pm Choir <b>Annual Reports DUE</b>	12 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	13 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
14 <b>Epiphany 2+</b> 10:00am HE 2:30pm Bridgewater HE	15 <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b> Office Closed	16	17	18 5:30pm Book Club 7:00pm Choir	19 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	20 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch <b>No 5:00pm Service this week – Annual Meeting combined</b>
21 <b>Epiphany 3</b> <b>10:00am HE &amp; Annual Mtg.</b>  ANNUAL MEETING	22 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	23 +	24 12 noon Clericus Lunch 12:30pm Life Goes On Luncheon 5:30pm Book Club	25 7:00pm Choir	26 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	27 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
28 <b>Epiphany 4 +</b> 10:00am HE 2:30 pm Susquehanna HE	29 <b>Church Office Closed</b> 5:30pm-9:00pm Scouts	30	31			