

News You Can Use

Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2017

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday from 9 AM -2PM

Our Staff:

The Rev. Cathy Scott, Deacon
Jolene Johnston, Director of Children's Ministry and
Director of Communications
Marty Blake, Director of Youth Ministry
Cheryl Burke, Parish Administrator
Bethany Paden, Music Director

The Vestry:

Senior Warden Ben Paden, **Junior Warden** Lauren Hendrickson;
Treasurer Betty Bogeman; Connor Wilson (youth), Dan Chillemi,
Marty Blake, Fred Stahly, Susie Beard, Debbie Talbert, Doug
Tannas, Lauren Wilson, Lee Cahalan; *Clerk* TBD

*The next vestry meeting will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday,
December 19th.*

Serving this Sunday, November 26:

Celebrant: The Rev. Larry Walters
Homily: The Rev. Larry Walters
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Greeter: Judi Taflinger
Ushers: Troy Everett, Scott Higgins
Readers: Betty Bogeman, Sandra Cline, Jim Taflinger,
Joan Head
Prayers: David Emerson, Bob Murray
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Holly Forman, Ruth Everett
Acolytes: Joe Spangler, Jenny Luce, Mikaila Blake,
Lexi Burke
Healing: Stephen Canter
LEV: Stephen Canter
Almoners: Marty Blake, Debbie Talbert
AG Sat. Set Up: Greta Wilson
AG Bread: Evelyn Johnson
AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie
AG Clean Up: Greta Wilson, Lauren Wilson
Hospitality: Taflinger

9 AM Sunday School

Godly Play: Heather Tannas

Believers/Disciples: Jolene Johnston

Youth Group: Fred Stahly, Susie Beard

Adult Forum: A Season of Hope and Anticipation:
Advent Themes in the Four Gospels

*Sign up to volunteer as a Sunday school teacher by
clicking [HERE](#).*

10 AM Childcare

Nursery: Kate Chillemi

PreK-1st Grade: Assistance Requested



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 **Psalm 100** **Second Reading** Ephesians 1:15-23 **Gospel** Matthew 25:31-46

Our Mission

We bear witness to the Light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming lives.

Worship and Feast Days

Advent Wreath Volunteers & Christmas Serving Roles: At the beginning of each Advent service, we invite a family or small group to light the candle(s) for the week and recite a prayer. Please sign up [here](#) to help with this tradition at one of the morning services on Dec. 3, 10, 17, the evening service on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, or to help with any serving roles for Christmas. If you prefer, you may contact the church office to volunteer for any of these roles, admin@hfec.org.

Prayer Group: The next gathering of our prayer group will be Monday, December 4th at 6:15 PM. You may also submit prayer requests by clicking [HERE](#).

Christmas Eve Music: We are looking for talented members of our youth to provide sacred music during our 5 PM Children's Service on Christmas Eve. An accompanist is available for vocalists or instrumentalists. Piano or other instrumental selections are also welcome. If you are interested in sharing your talent, please contact Bethany Paden or Cheryl Burke in the church office by Dec. 11th, admin@hfec.org. Please note that in order to avoid duplications, we do ask you to provide the name of the piece and the composer/arranger. All those interested must be prepared to play their musical selection for Bethany immediately after the 10 AM service on Dec. 17th.

Christmas Greenery Donations: Each year we decorate the Sanctuary with beautiful Christmas flowers and greenery. We ask parishioners to prayerfully consider donating money to pay for these items. Those who do will be thanked in the Christmas bulletins. Donation envelopes are available in the Narthex and are due on Dec. 10th.

Worship Service Time Change: Due to Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, our final Advent service will be held at 5 PM on Saturday evening, December 23rd. There will be **NO SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES** on December 24th. We will hold Christmas Eve services at 5 PM and 11 PM. Please invite your family and friends!



Rector Search

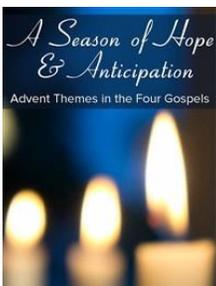
We will make every effort to keep all members of the congregation updated on our progress during our search for a new rector. Currently we are in the rector discernment phase. Questions about the search process may be directed to our Senior Warden Ben Paden: benpaden@hfec.org You may also follow our updates [ONLINE](#).

Search Prayer: Creator God, thank you for bringing us together as a holy village. Send the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide our Search Committee as they discern rector candidates to lead us in worship and service to others. Grant our Committee clarity, wisdom and vision as they work together in the selection of our new spiritual leader.

Grace us with joy, patience, mercy, and strength to continue to bear witness to the light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus. Open our hearts to support and care for each other during this time of transition. Likewise, prepare the heart of the priest who will answer our call for leadership. May this servant of God be responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Christian Education



Advent Adult Forum: Join us for the first week of our 9 AM Adult Forum Advent program, "A Season of Hope and Anticipation: Advent Themes in the Four Gospels." This week, Matthew shows us that God is not absent or far removed but dwells with us as Emmanuel. We hope to see you there.

Thanks Be to God

- The Reverend Larry Walters for celebrating Eucharist with us; view his homily [HERE](#)
- Congregation members for donating food to our Thanksgiving basket ministry
- David Emerson for applying touch-up paint on walls inside the church building

Rae Tunison November 23
Andy Barker November 24
Cecelia Loney November 24



Shannon Luce November 26
Matt Mundie November 26

Outreach Opportunities

Angel Tree: Our Angel Tree ministry is open for the season! Choose a paper angel from the tree in the Narthex and shop for the item described on each tag. **Unwrapped gifts with paper angel tags** should be returned to church by Sunday, December 17th. To help with our Angel Tree ministry, please contact Jolene Johnston. jjohnston@hfec.org



Fellowship Gatherings

Holy Family



Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Holy Family Christmas Party: ‘Tis the Season to Rock Ugly Sweaters! Pull out that tacky Christmas sweater, fashion a Goodwill-inspired pullover, find those jingle bell elf shoes...it’s time for the 8th Annual Holy Family Christmas Party! If you’d like, join in on the casual fun and wear your favorite “ugly Christmas sweater.” The evening will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 2nd, from 7:00-10:00 PM. Please RSVP to attend the party [here](#). **While we love your children, this is an adult-only event.** Also, we'd love some help providing some of the food & beverages, so please sign-up at this [link](#) so that we know what you are bringing. Please drop off items in disposable or well-labeled containers at the church on Sunday, November 26th or Saturday, December 2nd between 9 AM and 12 Noon or 5-6 PM. We will also need some help cleaning up after the party on December 2nd to be ready for church on Sunday. Please sign up and join us!

Game Night: Join us on Friday, December 8th beginning at 6 PM for our monthly game night. We’ll play board games and card games - fun for the whole family. Food and drinks will be provided. See you there!

Greening of the Church: On Sunday, December 17th at 4 PM we will hold our annual greening of the church. Please come, one and all, to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Children are welcome to attend and are expected to remain with their parents and help decorate. **There is no childcare provided for this event.** Following the decorating, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will host its annual spaghetti dinner as a thank you for your hard work.



Other News

Childcare Volunteers Needed: All adult volunteers are required to complete online training through the Diocese and must have been active members of the church for at least six months. We are happy to contact you to begin this process once you sign up to volunteer. Please use [this link](#) to access the 10 AM Nursery sign-up sheet. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to supervise 10 AM Childcare for children in PreK-1st grade.

Vestry Applications Now Being Accepted: We are now accepting applications for Vestry for the term beginning in January/February 2018. Each Vestry member serves a three-year term. This is an excellent opportunity to learn the behind-the-scenes details of what it takes to run the church and to be a part of this exciting time of growth and change for our congregation. If you are interested in adding your name to the ballot for voting which will take place at the Annual Meeting in January, please see Lauren Hendrickson, Marty Blake, or Dan Chillemi for more information. You may also contact the church office. admin@hfec.org



Prayer Shawl Ministry: Our crafters will gather in the Narthex at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 6th.

Youth Group Wreath Sales: Please visit www.MickmanHolidayGifts.com and shop through the links on the top of the page for holiday wreaths, sprays, centerpieces, & table-top Christmas trees. As you check out, be sure to use the coupon code **HOLYFAIN001**. The Youth Group will earn \$5 on each order! Shipping is free on orders over \$60. Orders are due by December 5th (earlier, depending on supply – so order early) to guarantee delivery before Christmas and will come right to your door. Thank you for supporting the Youth Group!

Church Budget Through End of October:

| | Actual | Budgeted |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Income | \$151,865 | \$147,645 |
| Expenses | \$134,725 | \$146,525 |
| Difference | \$17,140 | \$1,120 |

Pledging Options: Did you know that you can issue checks from your bank directly to Holy Family? As more and more people stop carrying checkbooks with them, this is an easy option to set up recurring payments to fulfill your pledge for the year. If you prefer, you can pay your pledge via credit card through the church website. Simply use the secure PayPal link on the [Contact Us](#) page of the website. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. admin@hfec.org