

News You Can Use

The Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 2017

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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Our Staff:

The Rev. Cathy Scott, Deacon
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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday from 9 AM -2PM

The church office will be closed December 21 – January 1. If you have any emergencies or pastoral care needs during this time please email emergency@hfec.org and someone will get back to you quickly.

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, December 17:

Celebrant: The Rev. Larry Walters
Homily: The Rev. Larry Walters
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Greeter: Gary Snyder
Ushers: Andrew Barker, Joe Schrock
Readers: Wade Nichols, Betty Bogeman, Chris Brown,
Barb Spangler
Prayers: Sandra Cline, Jonathan Gosser
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Scott Wilson, Debbie Talbert
Acolytes: Joe Spangler, Thomas Canter, Matthew Johnston,
Noah Tannas
Healing: Wade Nichols, Stephen Canter,
LEV: Kristine Canter
Almoners: Fred Stahly, Dan Chillemi
AG Sat. Set Up: Greta Wilson, Carol Bruns
AG Bread: Michelle Daniells
AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie
AG Clean Up: Greta Wilson, Jenny Barker
Hospitality: Hendrickson

9 AM Sunday School

Godly Play: Heather Tannas

Believers/Disciples: Bob Murray, Bryan Luce

Youth Group: Susie Beard, Fred Stahly

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: Lauren Hendrickson

PreK-1st Grade: Kate Chillemi



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 **Psalms** 126 **Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 **Gospel** John 1:6-8,19-28

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

Christmas Serving Roles: Please sign up [HERE](#) to help with serving roles for our final Advent Service and for each of the Christmas services. 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 18th at 6:15 PM. You may also submit prayer requests by clicking [HERE](#).

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!

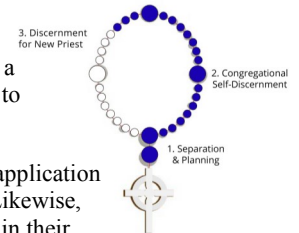


Christmas Day Service: Our Christmas Day service is affectionately referred to as “Jammie Church.” This tradition started several years ago when a family agreed that their children could wear pajamas to this service because they had missed the Christmas Eve services. The children enjoyed it so much that they told their friends, and the following year the youth group joined in, in matching pajamas. From there, “Jammie Church” became a tradition. The kids don’t get to have all the fun—many parents come in pajamas, too! Start looking for that perfect pajama set, and mark your calendar for 10 AM Christmas Day.

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: Holy Spirit, inspire and guide our Search Committee as they discern candidates who have made application to be our Rector. Grant our Committee clarity, wisdom, and vision as they work together in this important task. Likewise, prepare the heart of the priest who will answer our call for leadership and grant that individual wisdom and peace in their prayerful discernment. May all decisions spring forth from our desire to please God. Grace us with Advent perseverance and patience as we continue to bear witness to the light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen



Christian Education

Advent Adult Forum: Join us for the fourth and final week of our advent program, “A Season of Hope and Anticipation: Advent Themes in the Four Gospels.” This week during 9 AM Adult Forum, instead of a birth narrative, the Gospel of John has a creation story, with Jesus featured as co-creator with God. Through Jesus, people experience God as light and life, living water, and bread of life.

Sunday School Break: 9 AM Sunday school for all ages will take a break on December 24th and 31st. Classes will resume at 9 AM on January 7th.

Thanks Be to God

- The Reverend Larry Walters for celebrating Eucharist with us; view his homily [HERE](#)
- Ruth Everett and Kristine Canter for organizing our Junior Daughters of the King cookie exchange

Happy Anniversary: Charles and Holly Forman December 16

John Pierce December 14
Andrew Roth December 14
Charles Forman December 15
Annette Harling December 16



Bethany Paden December 18
Chelle Schrock December 18
Holly Forman December 19
Susan Luce December 20

Outreach Opportunities

Angel Tree: Unwrapped gifts with paper angel tags should be returned to church **THIS Sunday, December 17th**. To help with our Angel Tree ministry, please contact Jolene Johnston. jjohnston@hfec.org



Cuddle Buddies: For anyone who enjoys rocking infants, Deacon Cathy has a new outreach opportunity! Eskenazi Health will soon launch an infant comfort and companionship volunteer program called Cuddle Buddies. The purpose of Cuddle Buddies is to aid infants in development. Being held is a natural, no-cost intervention that can help with pain management, better sleep, faster growth and shorter hospital stays. Volunteers will rock, hold, sing to, talk to and be there to comfort babies in the Eskenazi Health Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The volunteers will not replace parents. This service will be offered when family members need to leave the hospital for work or other obligations. Recruitment is already underway for volunteers willing to commit to a long-term partnership with Eskenazi Health to help grow the program. Volunteers will work one three-hour shift per week. If you have any questions about Cuddle Buddies, please contact Scott Lawson, manager of Volunteer Services, at (317) 880-3311 or scott.lawson@eskenazihealth.edu.

Fellowship Gatherings

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.



Christmas Train Village: Holy Family will once again display a Christmas train village in the parish hall during the holidays. This year we are inviting the public to join us. We'll have cookies, hot cocoa, and festive music on Friday, December 22nd from 5-7 PM and Saturday, December 23rd from 2-4 PM. Please bring your friends!

Game Night: Join us on Friday, January 12th 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!

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. 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

Amazon Smile: Support Holy Family when you shop this Christmas season. Click [HERE](#) and Amazon donates to Holy Family Episcopal Church. Raised to date: \$258.40, raised this year: \$57.28.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Our crafters will gather in the Narthex at 7 PM on Wednesday, January 3rd.

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Amazon donates when you shop at smile.amazon.com.

Church Budget Through End of November:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$163,839	\$162,409
Expenses	\$148,822	\$160,847
Difference	\$15,017	\$1,562

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