

# News You Can Use

*The First Sunday of Advent*

November 24, 2016

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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## **Our Staff:**

The Rev. Michael Galvin, Rector  
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

## Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 9 AM - 2 PM

## The Vestry:

**Senior Warden** Ben Paden, **Junior Warden** Dan Chillemi;  
*Treasurer* Betty Bogeman; Ethan Everett (youth), Bryan Luce,  
Lauren Hendrickson, Elaine Pickens, Marty Blake, Doug Tannas,  
Fred Stahly, Susie Beard, Debbie Talbert, *Clerk* Barb Spangler

*The next vestry meeting will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday,  
December 20th.*

## Serving This Sunday, November 27: 9 AM Christian Education:

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Galvin  
Homily: The Rev. Cathy Scott  
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott  
Music Director: Bethany Paden  
Greeter: Larry Pickens  
Ushers: Andrew Barker, Joe Schrock  
Readers: David Emerson, Betty Bogeman, Gary Snyder,  
Scott Higgins  
Prayers: Sandra Cline, Jonathan Gosser  
Chalice: David Emerson, Debbie Talbert, Joan Head  
Acolytes: Joe Spangler, Ian Johnston, Ethan Tannas, Jenny Luce  
Healing: Barb Spangler  
LEV: Bryan Luce  
Almoners: Debbie Talbert, Bryan Luce  
AG Sat. Set Up: Lauren Wilson  
AG Bread: Lauren Wilson  
AG Set Sun. 10 a.m.: Lauren Wilson  
AG Clean Up: Lauren Wilson, Jenny Barker  
Hospitality: *Assistance requested*

## 9 AM Christian Education:

**Adult Forum:** The Call of Christmas

**Godly Play:** Heather Tannas

**Believers:** Jolene Johnston

**Disciples:** Rachele Galvin, Bob Murray

**10 AM Nursery:** Lauren Hendrickson

**10 AM Childcare:** *Assistance requested*



## Sunday's readings:

**First Reading** Isaiah 2:1-5    **Psalms** 122    **Second Reading** Romans 13:11-14    **Gospel** Matthew 24:36-44

## **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

**Prayer Group:** The next gathering of our prayer group will be Monday, November 21st at 6:15 PM.

**Brotherhood of St. Andrew:** All men of the parish are invited to a special gathering of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew held on Wednesday, November 30th at 7 PM. We will celebrate St. Andrew on his patron saint day with Eucharist and fellowship.

**Advent Wreath Volunteers:** At the beginning of each service on each of the four Sundays of Advent, we invite a family or small group to light the candle(s) for the week and recite a prayer. Please contact the church office if your family or group would like to volunteer to help with this tradition **at either the 8 AM or 10 AM service on Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, or 18.** You may also [sign up online](#).

**Taizé Service:** Join us for our Advent Taizé service on Sunday, December 4th at 7 PM in the sanctuary.



## Christian Education

**Adult Forum Advent Series:** *Join us for Fr. Mike's final Adult Forum Series before his retirement!* The Call of Christmas Series is more than just the story of Jesus' arrival. Through the stories of Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds, we're each given a call to prepare, a call to provide, a call to protect, and a call to praise. Come; prepare your heart during this Advent Season for the incarnation of our Lord and Savior! We will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the parish hall, November 27, December 4, 11 and 18. We hope that you will join us.

**Definitely Christian, Distinctly Anglican:** This program will cover everything you need to know about the Episcopal Church, Anglican Communion, our worship, history, how we are organized, and the mission of the church. Our final gathering will occur on December 18th from 11:30 AM - 1 PM.

**Family Advent Program:** Our Jr. Daughters of the King will be leading and hosting a simple family-friendly soup supper and Advent activities program. Utilizing devotions, activities, and connection questions, we will help your family REST in the love, peace, joy, and hope that only Jesus can bring. He's the reason for this beautiful season. Let's celebrate! The dates are Wednesday, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. We will meet in the parish hall beginning at 6:00 PM and conclude by 7:15 PM each week. Please sign up [ONLINE](#) to attend.

## 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 11th. *If you use Amazon for shopping, see the announcement below.*

**Amazon Smile:** Support us when you shop on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. [#StartWithaSmile](#) and Amazon donates to Holy Family Episcopal Church.

**Driver Needed:** A new member of the church needs assistance getting to Sunday services. She lives near the intersection of Cumberland Rd. and 116th St. Please contact the office if you can help. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)



## Thanks Be to God

- Those who made donations toward our Thanksgiving basket outreach ministry
- Waycross Youth Retreat volunteers: Ruth Everett, Marty Blake, Jolene Johnston, Susie Beard; Deacon Cathy Scott for serving as Chaplain at the retreat
- Carrie and Mark Keys for donating their playground swingset



Andrew Barker	November 24
Shannon Luce	November 26
Matt Mundie	November 26
Stephen Beard	November 30

*Happy Anniversary*  
Gary & Wendy Snyder    November 29

# Fellowship Gatherings

**Holy Family Christmas Party:** This year's Holy Family Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 7-10 PM in the Holy Family parish hall. If you wish, please [sign up online](#) to bring an item to contribute. Celebrate the holiday season sharing fellowship with friends! *While we love your children, this is an adults-only event.*



**Game Night:** Join us Friday, December 9th 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 18th 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

**Hospitality Help Wanted:** Please consider signing up to host our donuts and coffee time following the 10 AM service. You may find more information about this ministry by clicking [HERE](#).

**Childcare Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of nursery and childcare volunteers during the 10 AM service. Please use [this link](#) to access the Nursery sign-up sheet and [this link](#) to help with PreK-1 childcare. Signing up to supervise children just 1-2 times per quarter will make a tremendous difference to this important ministry. Students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate as assistants. All adult volunteers are required to complete online training through the Diocese. We are happy to contact you to begin this process once you sign up to volunteer.



**Christmas Wreaths & Evergreens:** There is a chill in the air, and it's time to order Christmas wreaths and evergreens! This year all orders will be placed through the Mickman Brothers website. Please visit [www.MickmanHolidayGifts.com](http://www.MickmanHolidayGifts.com) and shop through the links on the top of the page. As you check out be sure to use the coupon code **HOLYFAIN001**. You'll save \$3 per item, and the Youth Group will earn \$5! Shipping is free on orders over \$60. Orders are due by December 5th to guarantee delivery by Christmas and will come right to your door. Thank you for supporting the Youth Group!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Our crafters will gather in the Narthex beginning at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 7th. Bring a friend!

**Eagle Scout Project:** Adam Horner, a member of Troop 199, is putting together chemo care packages for cancer patients at Eskenazi Health Hospital. He is asking for donations of travel sized items: chap stick, tissues, lotion, hand sanitizer, sugar free gum, sugar free mints, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, as well as gallon size zip top bags, blank note cards, books, magazines, blankets, and fleece to make tie-knot blankets. He is accepting monetary donations as well, please make checks payable to Adam Horner (Eagle Project). Donations are requested by December 9th, 2016.

**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. Please note that in order to avoid duplications, we do ask you to provide the name of the piece and the composer/arranger as soon as possible. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)



### Church Budget Through End of October:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$179,112	\$192,887
Expenses	\$199,493	\$212,838
Difference	-\$20,381	-\$19,951

**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](mailto:admin@hfec.org)