

News You Can Use

November 16, 2017

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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,
November 21st.*

Serving this Sunday, November 19:

Celebrant: The Rev. Larry Walters
Homily: The Rev. Larry Walters
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Greeter: Gary Snyder
Ushers: Larry Pickens, Andrew Barker
Readers: Wade Nichols, Glenda Borreo, Bryan Luce, Joel Bruns
Prayers: Sandra Cline, Joel Bruns
Chalice: David Emerson, Debbie Talbert, Joan Head
Acolytes: Paul Mundie, Joe Spangler, Sophia Paden,
Charlie Barker
Healing: Nancy Thomas, Barb Spangler
LEV: Barb Spangler
Almoners: Lauren Hendrickson, Fred Stahly
AG Sat. Set Up: Lauren Wilson, Carol Bruns
AG Bread: Lauren Wilson
AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie
AG Clean Up: Lauren Wilson, Greta Wilson
Hospitality: Ray

9 AM Sunday School

Godly Play: Heather Tannas

Believers/Disciples: Bob Murray

Youth Group: Carol Bruns

Adult Forum: Global Missions Presentation

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

10 AM Childcare

Nursery: Kate Chillemi

PreK-1st Grade: Carol Dial



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Judges 4:1-7 **Psalm 123** **Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 **Gospel** Matthew 25:14-30

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 20th at 6:15 PM. You may also submit prayer requests by clicking [HERE](#).

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.

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

Global Missions Presentation: This week we take a closer look at our companion Diocese of Brasilia, Mithon (Haiti), as well as some new areas in focus at the Diocesan level. Come join in the discussion at 9 AM on Sunday!

Thanks Be to God

- The Reverend Larry Walters for celebrating Eucharist with us; view his homily [HERE](#)
- All those who helped participate in or prepare for our Gospel at Hogwarts: Deacon Cathy Scott, Jolene Johnston, Cheryl Burke, Lauren Wilson, Ruth Everett, Ben Paden, Patrick Burke, Kristine Canter, Stephen Canter, Joan Head, Jenny Luce, Ian Johnston, Thomas Canter, Zoe Bruns, Lexi Burke, Josh Wilson, Matthew Johnston
- Lauren Wilson for helping prepare our Angel Tree tags



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joe Schrock November 16
Lindsay Snyder November 19

Happy Anniversary

Tony & Kendra Butt November 17

Outreach Opportunities

November Outreach: November is Thanksgiving Basket Month. Please bring all food donations to church THIS SUNDAY, November 19th. Check [HERE](#) if you need a reminder of your items.

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

Game Night: Join us on Friday, November 10th 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!

Holy Family



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!

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