

News You Can Use

The First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 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, December :

Celebrant: The Rev. Larry Walters
Homily: The Rev. Larry Walters
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Greeter: Debbie Talbert
Ushers: Joe Spangler, Marcus Dial
Readers: David Emerson, Jeff Merryman, Greta Wilson,
Scott Higgins
Prayers: Wade Nichols, Chris Brown
Chalice: Sandra Cline, Ruth Everett, Gary Snyder
Acolytes: Paul Mundie, Hannah Tannas, Lauren Cahalan,
Sarah Beard
Healing: Nancy Thomas, Scott Wilson
LEV: Scott Wilson
Almoners: Dan Chillemi, Lee Cahalan
AG Sat. Set Up: Holly Forman, Carol Bruns
AG Bread: Holly Forman
AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie
AG Clean Up: Holly Forman, Jenny Baker
Hospitality: Dial

9 AM Sunday School

Godly Play: Heather Tannas

Believers/Disciples: Stephen Canter, Lesley Cahalan

Youth Group: Marty Blake, Carol Bruns

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: Carol Dial



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** **Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 **Gospel** Matthew 13:24-37

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. 10 and 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: 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 second week of our advent program, "A Season of Hope and Anticipation: Advent Themes in the Four Gospels." This week during 9 AM Adult Forum, Mark shows us that God's love and self-sacrifice can be seen clearly, even in times of desperation, struggle, and suffering.

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
- Members of the church who sent finals care packages to Holy Family's college students
- Boy Scout Christian Dummer for building a seating area with benches near the West entrance of the church
- Boy Scout Blake Jansen for painting canvases for our early childhood classrooms

Stephen Beard November 30
Wade Nichols December 2
Tim Ericksen December 4



Carrie Keys December 6
Dylan Waddell December 6

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! The evening will be held in the Parish **Hall THIS Saturday, December 2nd, from 7:00-10:00 PM. Please RSVP by Friday, December 1st 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

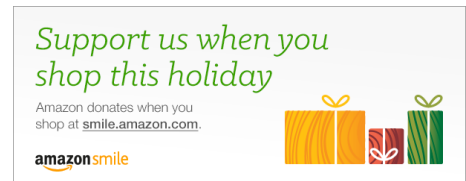
Childcare Volunteers Needed: All adult volunteers are required to complete online training through the Diocese and must have been active members of the church for at least six months. We are happy to contact you to begin this process once you sign up to volunteer. Please use [this link](#) to access 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. 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!

Amazon Smile: Support Holy Family when you shop this Christmas season. Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/35-1853296 and Amazon donates to Holy Family Episcopal Church. Raised to date: \$258.40, raised this year: \$57.28.



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