

# News You Can Use

December 28, 2017

*The First Sunday after Christmas*

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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## **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

## 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](mailto: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,  
January 16th.*

## Serving this Sunday, December 31:

Celebrant: The Rev. Larry Walters  
Homily: The Rev. Larry Walters  
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott  
Music Director: Bethany Paden  
Greeter: Judi Taflinger  
Ushers: Marcus Dial, Bob French  
Readers: Glenda Borreo, Jeff Merryman, Joel Bruns,  
Jim Taflinger  
Prayers: Sandra Cline, Joan Head  
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Ruth Everett, Joe Spangler  
Acolytes: Paul Mundie, Hannah Tannas, Sophia Paden,  
Mikaila Blake  
Healing: Barb Spangler  
LEV: Nancy Thomas  
Almoners: Susie Beard, Marty Blake  
AG Sat. Set Up: Cathy French  
AG Bread: Evelyn Johnson  
AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie  
AG Clean Up: Cathy French, Kris Brown  
Hospitality: *Assistance Requested*

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

*Sunday School and Adult Forum are on break and will  
resume on Sunday, January 7th at 9 AM.*



## Sunday's readings:

**First Reading** Isaiah 61:10-62:3 **Psalm 147:13-21** **Second Reading** Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 **Gospel** John 1:1-18

## **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

**Altar Flowers:** A new calendar is available for those who wish to purchase altar flowers to celebrate a milestone or remember a loved one. Please sign up to donate flowers on the chart located in the hallway near the parish hall. The cost to sponsor altar flowers for one Sunday is \$55.



## 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](mailto: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



**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.

**Sunday School Teachers Wanted:** Be an important part of our children's spiritual journeys...volunteer in Sunday school! Most classes have a dedicated teacher but would benefit from additional assistant volunteers. Please consider signing up to help in our Godly Play (PreK-1st grade) or Believers/Disciples classes (grades 2-6) by clicking [HERE](#).

Maci Blake	December 29
Anne Nichols	December 31
Judi Taflinger	January 1
Natalie Christy	January 2



## Thanks Be to God

- The Reverend Larry Walters for celebrating Eucharist with us
- All those who served during our Christmas services
- The following people for making our Christmas Village Train Display a success: Joe Spangler, Gary Snyder, Doug Tannas, Jacob Spangler, Dan Chillemi, and Dane Perigo



## Outreach Opportunities

**Township Food Pantry:** The food pantry has asked for the following items: sugar, oil, flour, juice, peanut butter/jelly, spaghetti sauce, rice, dried beans, canned fruit, crackers, oatmeal, cereal, household cleaners, laundry detergent, bleach, personal hygiene items. This list includes suggestions, but any canned or nonperishable item is gratefully received.



**Meals Ministry:** Meals Ministry is looking for volunteers; no cooking experience is necessary. The mission of Meals Ministry is to demonstrate love, mercy, hospitality, compassion, and outreach by providing meals to those from Holy Family that are in need of a meal due to sickness, hospitalization, or other hardship. When a meal is requested, we will notify the group of volunteers for interest in signing up to provide a meal or gift card for a meal. Currently we have 10 members of our ministry, we are always looking for more! For more information or to sign up to donate meals, please contact the church office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

## Fellowship Gatherings

**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!



**Youth Group Monthly Dinner Meeting:** Youth Group students (grades 7-12) are invited to our monthly dinner meeting on January 21st from 5:30-8:00 PM. The entree will be provided. Please bring a side dish or drinks to share. Please contact Youth Director Marty Blake to RSVP or for more information. [mblake@hfec.org](mailto:mblake@hfec.org)

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

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

**Church Un-greening:** On January 7th, after the 10 AM service we will be removing the decorations from the Sanctuary. Please stay in the Sanctuary after the service that day if you are able to help. Many hands make light work!



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