

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All people who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Holy Trinity are invited to receive Communion with us today. Children may receive at their parent's discretion. If you are a visitor or a newcomer, please fill out one of the cards in the pew and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. The Book of Common Prayer, or Prayer Book, is the red book in the pews. Page numbers are denoted in the bulletin with the shorthand "BCP". The Hymnal is the blue book. The "S" numbers indicate Service music found in the front of the Hymnal, while the other numbers are hymns found in the latter section of the book.

Children are welcome to participate fully in our worship. However, for your convenience, we provide nursery care for children, infant (minimum 8 weeks old) through preschool, during our 10:30 service in Room 1 of All Saints Hall.

We ask your prayers for, Anne Alexick, Carleigh Atkins, Doris Atkins, Etta Baker, Laura Ball, Peggy Baxter, Michelle Bell, Robin Bruckner, Hazel Brummett, Marlene Brummond, David Cain, Barbara Canaday, Sally Castles, Ann Connolly, Darley Family, Danny Clark, Judy Clinedinst, Ann Connolly, Alice Cooper, Matthew Cox, Warren Cox, Wayne Cox, Vivian DeShazo, Joseph Doby, Cameron Eagle, Paul Earls, Kim Edwards, Scott Edwards, Ruthann Elms, Alexandra Engstrand, Audrey Federbush, Holly Frazier, Mary Frazier, Calib Garland, Joan Gere, Jennifer Gibson, Will Gibson, Fred Goshin, Rosemary Miranda Goshin, Allan Gummo, Christian Hall, James Hayes, Lauren Johnson, Robert Kay, Joseph Kenkel, Lester Kidd, Nick & Ronni Knepp, Allen Lake, Ronnie Krista Sirna Lee, Sharon Lee, Paula Lewis, Charles Linton, Marc Family, Carol Lorgus, Colleen McElfresh, Ron Magin, Heather Martinez, Patsy Meadows, Mike Mills, Dorothy Mohn, Angie Morgan, Frances Morris, Cheryl & Dick Moynahan, Jeff Nohren, Heather O'Neill, Jim Pines, Mary Rounds, Marc Plummer, Selena Rave, Doug Reeve, Claire Samaha, Charlotte Shackelford, Bill & Jane Shumaker, Claudia (Suzy) Small, Steve Smallwood, Bill Smith & Linda Smith, Guy Smith, Jr., Nick Southers, Sybil Southers, Linda Stastney, Jeanne Stoddard, Christine Strait, Keri Stromski, Brian Sturgill; Joseph Suriano Jr., Keisha Thomas, Daneen Tyson, Michelle Van Pelt, Evelin Reed, **Eileen Sidereas** Joe Venable, Emilie Wieland, Tim Wienckowski, Roger Williams, Mike Witt,

James Wyant, Tim Zafrano, Adam, Alyssa, Becky, Chris, Don, Eli, Elizabeth & Family, Herb, Judy and Bill, Lee, Noelle & Tru, Mary Rose, Michael, Pete, Veronica. (*New names added are bolded.*)

Altar Arrangements are given today to the Glory of God.

Please join us in the Great Hall for fellowship following the 10:30 service. Sign up in the Communications Center to host fellowship for a special occasion or no reason at all. Honor a family member, friend, or special date/occasion by hosting a fellowship any Sunday of your choice. Talk to Bill Butler with any questions.

Greening of the Church will take place after the 10:30 service today, December 17. Go over to Fellowship, get yourself a cup of coffee and a snack and then come on back to the church. Please plan to join us for this fun tradition of preparation for the joyful celebration of our Lord's birth.

Packing Christmas Food Baskets. Today, after the 10:30 service, Kristi Gross will ask volunteers to meet downstairs in All Saints Hall to pack and check the boxes that will be distributed on December 19. Kristi will provide pizza to fortify the workers. Come join us!

2018 Pledge Cards. Thank you to all the members of our church family that have turned in your Pledge Cards. We pray that God will continue to bless our Christ Church family graciously and abundantly! If you need a pledge card, they are available in the back of the church and in the Communications Center.

Charlie Hilderbrand would like to thank all of the individuals that attended and participated in the Adult Ed class on the study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*. He hopes it was a meaningful time for everyone involved.

Church Offering Envelopes are now available in the back pew. If you see one with your name on it, please help yourself and take it home for use in the New Year. Thank you.

The 2018 Flower Chart is now posted in the Comm. Center. Begin thinking of whom you would like to honor by donating flowers on a specific Sunday, sign up for that date and fill out a crème colored card with the specifics and leave it in the basket in

the Communications Center or put it in the collection plate. Donations are still \$25. On the memo line of your check, please write **Altar Guild**.

Jeffrey A. Packard Outreach Building. Jeffrey A. Packard Outreach Building. We're going UP. We are finishing Phase Two of our building. Siding should be going up as soon as inspections are completed. There is still time to contribute to this Phase by buying a \$500 share in the building. Contact Roy Smith - or put your check designated for "outreach building" in the collection plate. In Phase Three, finishing the inside, there will be opportunities for us to save money by doing some of the work ourselves. Got skills? See Roy.

We Give Thanks for the Life of Paul Shamblin, a Food Pantry patron who passed away on Thanksgiving Day. "May his soul and the souls of all the departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace."

The Thrift Shop's income: For the month of November we sold \$5,851 worth of merchandise. Thanks to all that work so hard to keep the shop running and to those that do pickups so that we have the merchandise to sell. The shop continues to request donations for resale. Remember, tax time is fast approaching. Whatever you donate is tax deductible.

Cat's Meow. If you are still interested in purchasing a replica of Christ Church for \$20, please contact Elaine for more information.

The next vestry meeting is 6:00 PM Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Deadlines: Announcements: Noon, Wednesday; Chronicler: Jan 18, 2018.

Prayer for Week Two of Advent ~ Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in every day moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas.
Amen

Weekly Calendar

December 17 – December 24, 2017

Sunday <i>3Advent</i>	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:45 AM Fellowship/Greening, GH & Church 11:45 AM Food Packing, ASH 7:00 PM Blue Christmas Service
Monday	OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 165, GH
Tuesday	8:30 AM Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Christmas Basket Distribution, ASH 11:30 AM ECW Luncheon followed by Christmas Visit to Chancellor Village
Wednesday	8:30 AM Morning Prayer
Thursday	8:30 AM Morning Prayer 10:30 AM Quilters, ASH #8
Friday	6:30 PM AA Mtg, ASH Downstairs
Saturday	
Sunday <i>4Advent</i>	10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II/Pageant 11:45 AM Fellowship Hour, GH 10:30 PM Christmas Cantata 11:00 PM Midnight Mass, Rite II

ASH = All Saints Hall

GH = Great Hall

The Christ Church Thrift Shop

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Advent & Christmas Schedule

December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:45 AM Fellowship & Greening
- 11:45 AM Pack & Check Christmas Boxes, ASH
- 7:00 PM Blue Christmas Service
- 5:00 PM Live Nativity at Spotsy Courthouse Village

December 19

- 9:30 AM Distribution of Christmas Boxes @ Food Pantry

December 24, Christmas Eve

- 10:30 AM Rite II Christmas Pageant
- 11:45 AM Fellowship
- 10:30 PM Cantata: "Sing Joy to All the World"
(By Choir)
- 11:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II "Midnight Mass"

December 31, First Sunday after Christmas

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Lessons & Carols
- 11:45 AM Fellowship

Blue Christmas – A service of Comfort and Joy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM tonight, December 17. This alternative Christmas service is for anyone feeling a little down during the holidays.

Special Thanks to Joy Newlin for donating the lovely Advent season bulletin covers in memory of her husband, Bob.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias of red and white will adorn the church again this Christmas season. If you wish to purchase one, or more, in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for life's many blessings, or for any reason, fill out this form. You may place the form in the offering plate or mail it to the parish office.

Poinsettias are still \$12.00 each.

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PLEASE PRINT

Your name (as you wish to appear)

Message _____

Example: John and Mary Smith in loving memory of his father, Tom Smith and her parents, William and Martha Smith.

We will accept orders through today, December 17, 2017