



THE MISSION OF CHRIST CHURCH is to bring all persons to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through Word, Sacraments, and instruction, as taught through the Episcopal tradition, that all may know the joy and grace of faith, and to share that grace through outreach.

## THE DECEMBER 2018 CHRONICLER

### Spotsylvania, VA

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I would like to invite you to the observance of a holy Advent and Christmas. Maybe that sounds familiar? Perhaps you recall that on Ash Wednesday each year you are invited to the observance of a holy Lent. Advent used to be treated as a more penitential season, and was even referred to as 'Little Lent.' Many churches continue to use the same liturgical color of purple during Advent as in Lent, though Christ Church uses the alternative Sarum blue.

'Holy' does not have to mean penitential. The word Advent means 'coming.' Advent is a time of preparation for Christ's coming at Christmas, as well as a reminder of Christ's eventual second coming - at a date TBD. So it is a holy season of spiritual preparation in which we search our hearts and examine our lives in order to appreciate more fully the significance that Christ's birth has for us.

Lynn Ellen and I have for years now used a book to help our family try to prepare for the Christmas season in a somewhat sane fashion. *Unplug the Christmas Machine*, by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Staeheli, has been a helpful resource for us. It gives lots of good ideas for managing Christmas stress and combating commercialism. We will use it in our Forum Series on Sunday mornings throughout Advent, with these topics:

Dec 2 - Setting the Stage  
Dec 9 - Roles  
Dec 16 - Props  
Dec 23 - Rewriting the Play

My hope is that by taking a close look at how we 'stage' our expectations of Christmas, we may all find more meaning, and more joy, this Christmas Season.

Yours in Christ,

*Bill Queen*

## DECEMBER 2018 LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lector	Chalice Bearer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery
<b><u>December 2</u></b>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Charlie Hilderbrand		Joseph L. Ilk	Wieland Team	
10:30 Mary Williams	Jeff Massey Werner Wieland	Stephen/Lily Wallach Ethan Goldberg	Bob McGann Judi O'Neill		Lindsey Bates <b>Sunday School:</b> Karen Watts
<b><u>December 9</u></b>					
8:00 Joseph L. Ilk	Deacon Margaret		Jeri Phillips	Williams Team	
10:30 Ann Woolford	Steve Clifford Linda Rooney	Emma/Alli Ayers-Brown Parker Hilderbrand	Judi O'Neill Bob McGann		Lindsey Bates <b>Sunday School:</b> Jill Bates
<b><u>December 16</u></b>					
8:00 Thom Smelter	Tricia Smelter		Calib Garland	Magin Team	
10:30 Martha Clark	Judi O'Neill Tim Watts	Andrew/Trevor Mills Danielle Teets	Greg Hall Werner Wieland		Lindsey Bates <b>Sunday School:</b> M. Goldberg
<b>7:00 PM – BLUE XMAS</b>					
Roy Smith	Penny Knepp	Ethan/Brady Goldberg Colby Clifford	Frank Carosella TBD		
<b><u>December 23</u></b>					
8:00 Calib Garland	Deacon Margaret		Robert Truslow	Wieland Team	
10:30 Marilyn Greene	Stephanie Smith Joe Junod	Tate/Cade Mattive Brady Goldberg	Frank Stewart Hank Mausolf		Lindsey Bates <b>Sunday School:</b> K. DiFilippo
<b><u>December 24</u></b>					
5:00 Anne Williams	Werner Wieland	Parker Hilderbrand Chloe Stockli	Missie Jarman Cecil Jarman	Magin Team	Nursery Closed.
11:00 Roy Smith	Linda Rooney Penney Knepp	Brady Goldberg + 2			
<b><u>December 30</u></b>					
8:00 Joseph L. Ilk	Charlie Hilderbrand			Williams Team	
10:30 <b>Readers:</b> (1) Ann Woolford (2) Roy Smith (3) Martha Clark (4) Anne Williams (5) Ethan Goldberg (6) Deacon Margaret	Penny Knepp	Stephen/Lilly Wallach Danielle Teets			Lindsey Bates <b>Sunday School:</b> Jill Bates

You are responsible for finding your own replacement in the event that you cannot serve when scheduled. If serving as a Lector/Chalicer and are unable to find one, please contact Penny Knepp at [pnypitstop@aol.com](mailto:pnypitstop@aol.com) or 891-6299 and she will assist you. Notify parish office of replacement(s).



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Martha Clark

**Members**

Kristi Gross

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Jim Kenkel

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Roger Williams

**Advent Morning of Silence - Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Caught up in the craziness of the season? Come, rest in silence for a morning.

The morning will begin at 9 am with Morning Prayer followed by an Ignatian Imaginative prayer exercise. 9:30 am - 12 noon will be a time of observed silence for personal reflection, contemplation, prayer, reading, listening, etc. The morning will conclude with Noonday Prayer followed by a light soup and salad luncheon in the Great Hall.



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| 12/04 Tim Watts      | 12/10 Wayne Knepp   | 12/22 Emma Ayres-Brown   |
| 12/06 Jacob McWhirt  | 12/10 Tom Lake      | 12/22 Gene DiRusso       |
| 12/06 Patrick Rooney | 12/10 Jeff Massey   | 12/26 Alinah Erwin       |
| 12/08 Allen Bareford | 12/14 Mark Stockli  | 12/27 Christopher Cronin |
| 12/08 Dominic Cronin | 12/14 Buck Sutton   | 12/30 Robert Truslow     |
| 12/08 Hank Mausolf   | 12/17 Larry Gross   |                          |
| 12/09 Janice Kenkel  | 12/21 Susan Roberts |                          |

### POINSETTIAS

Red poinsettias 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, there are three ways to purchase.

1. Place an order form in the collection plate during any church service with a check for \$12 attached.
2. Pick up a 3x5 card from the Usher Table at the back of the church. Print the necessary information and return the card, along with a \$12 check to Christ Church writing **Altar Guild** on the memo line.
3. Detach and mail the order form found on this page to Christ Church with a check for \$12 or place the completed form and check in the offering plate.

**(PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)**

**Your name as you wish it to appear:**

**Message**

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

**Mailing address is: Christ Church  
8951 Courthouse Rd.  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553  
ATTN: Ruth Feltner**

**We will be accepting orders up until Sunday, Dec 16, 2018. Thank you.**

# Advent & Christmas SCHEDULE



## **December 1, Saturday**

10:00 AM Thrift Shop “Not Going Out of Business Sale”

1:00 PM Spotsylvania Holiday Parade with ECM grilling burgers/hotdogs

## **December 2, First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:15 AM Adult Ed, GH

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:45 AM Fellowship

## **December 9, Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:45 AM Fellowship

9:15 AM Adult Ed.

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:45 AM Fellowship

4:45 PM Courthouse Christmas Luminary

## **December 16, 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

7:00 PM Blue Christmas Service

5:00 PM Live Nativity at Spotsylvania Courthouse Village

## **December 18**

9:30 AM Distribution of Christmas Boxes @ Food Pantry

## **December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (Healing Service Follows Both Services)

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:45 AM Fellowship

## **December 24, Christmas Eve**

4:30 PM Carol Sing

5:00 PM Christmas Service with Pageant

10:30 PM Choir Music

11:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

## **December 30**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with Lessons & Carols

11:45 AM Fellowship

## **January 5**

4:30 PM 12<sup>th</sup> Night Epiphany Eve Bonfire (Weather Permitting)



## SEEKING INSTRUMENTALISTS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

The time to start preparing for **Christmas Eve** music is here. Ethan Goldberg, one of our active youth members, would like to invite parishioners **of all ages** to play their instruments with their ensemble at both Christmas Eve services, **5:00 pm** and **11:00 pm**. Beginning Sunday, December 2, rehearsals will be every Sunday from **1:30 to 2:30 pm** after confirmation classes; some weekday evening rehearsals may be added later. Please attend when you can. Music will be distributed at rehearsals. Please contact Ethan Goldberg at [ethangoldberg3702@gmail.com](mailto:ethangoldberg3702@gmail.com) to sign up or with any other questions.

## OUTREACH NEWS/UPDATE



**Thanksgiving** distribution boxes to our Food Pantry clients was on Saturday, Nov 17, and the number of families served was 119. Thanks to Jim and Janice Kenkel and our many church family members that volunteered to assist in the packing and distribution to make this annual event another huge success.

**Christmas:** As we did last year, we are maximizing your donations to give our families a larger than normal amount of a variety of foods. Not only is it holiday time, but our next pantry distribution is not 2 weeks but 3 weeks later.

Packing the boxes will be a big job – we have 136 families signed up. “Many hands make light work,” so if you can help prep the boxes or hand them out, please sign up at the Communications Center or e-mail me at [kristigross@pobox.com](mailto:kristigross@pobox.com). We will count and stack the food in the rooms on **Saturday, December 15**, from 9:30 AM to about noon. Then we’ll pack and check the boxes after church on **Sunday, December 16**. Distribution of the baskets will start at 9:30 on Tuesday, **December 18** and should be finished by about 12:30. Since the youth will be in school, we’ll probably need some extra help on Tuesday. Come join us! It’s fun and it’s great to see what this “little church around the corner” can do for our neighbors in need.

Thank you all ~ Kristi Gross



## **Are You on the Christ Church Family Tree?**

Watch as photographs of all parishioners will come to be displayed on the Christ Church Family Tree, located in the Great Hall. Thanks to Mackenzie Goldberg and members of her family for assisting in constructing the tree! Jill Bates will be taking photos on Sundays, so that all the pictures will be up-to-date. Please seek her out if you have not yet had your picture taken. This Family Tree of photos will take the place of a printed pictorial directory until after the new Rector arrives.

### **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

The youth group would like to thank everyone for their support this year. We were able to raise \$100 between both of our Panera fundraiser nights because of this support. We, as a group, elected to use this money to sponsor an Angel Child for the holiday season. We are looking forward to going shopping for our child and being able to help make someone else's holiday special. Thanks to all for supporting us!

Lindsey Bates

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS ~**

**Interested in a Christmas Pageant?**

Contact Jill Bates at [wenger1986@msn.com](mailto:wenger1986@msn.com) SOON.







ECW will visit Chancellor Village for our December meeting. We will deliver the ornaments we made for them in November and sing Christmas Carols. Our visit is scheduled on our actual meeting day - Tuesday, December 18 at 10:00 am. Afterwards, we will have lunch in their lovely dining room. This is always a very special meeting as it gives us the chance to interact with the residents as we share Christmas joy through music. Anyone who would like to join us please be at Chancellor Village by 9:45 am so we will be able to begin our program on time. Any questions, call or e-mail Debbie Garland at 898-8732 or jrroverman@verizon.net

### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEN (ECM)**

The group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Scafa's on Courthouse Road at noon. Again this year, they will be selling food and drinks at the Christmas parade **Saturday, December 1**. Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> where they will discuss upcoming events. After that, looking forward to our annual Shrove **Tuesday, March 5** Chili/Pancake supper in the Great Hall. More details to follow. Please join at our next meeting. We'd like your input.

**SPOTSYLVANIA COURTHOUSE 100 – LIONS CLUB:** The club had its gala Charter Night Celebration on Saturday, November 9 at historic Stevenson Ridge on Route 208 and what a success it was! A large group of local business, and community leaders attended as well as members of Christ Church who are also members of this local Lions Club. The guest speaker, Dr. H. Hauser Weiler, a Kilmarnock Ophthalmologist and past International Director at Lions Clubs International gave an interesting talk on his role and history in the club and congratulated Lion Gregory Hall and Lion Ann Woolford for leading the club in the positive direction it is headed. Their next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, noon to 1 pm in the Great Hall. All are welcome to attend.

# Christ Church December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Christmas Parade, Courthouse Rd., to Spotsy Coourthouse 10:00am Thrift Shop "Not Going Out of Business Sale"
<b>2</b> 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Forum 10:15am Sunday School, ASH #2 10:30am HE Rite II 11:45am Fellowship 12:00pm Youth Group, ASH #5 12:15pm Conf. Prep Mtg, ASH #8	<b>3</b> Office Closed 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 165	<b>4</b> Thrift Shop Closed 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church	<b>5</b> Thrift Shop Closed 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church 10:00am TS Advisory Board, Booth Hall, Conf Rm 11:00am Bible Study, ASH #5 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> Thrift Shop Closed 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8 (Bring a Bag Lunch) 12:00pm Lions Club (Business) Mtg, GH	<b>7</b> Thrift Shop Closed 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 5208, GH 8:00pm AA Mtg, ASH #5	<b>8</b> 10:00am Thrift Shop Grand Reopening
<b>9</b> 8:00am HE Rite I 8:45am Fellowship, GH 9:15am Forum 10:15am Sunday School, ASH #2 10:30am HE Rite II 11:45am Fellowship 12:15pm Conf. Prep Mtg, ASH #8	<b>10</b> Office Closed 5:30pm Vestry Mtg, ASH #8 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 165	<b>11</b> 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church 9:00am Food Pantry Morning Prayer, GH 10:00am Food Pantry, ASH	<b>12</b> 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church 10:00am TS Volunteers, GH 11:00am Mark's Gospel Video 12:00pm ECM Mtg @ Scafa's	<b>13</b> 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8 (Bring a Bag Lunch) 5:30pm Vestry Meeting, ASH #8	<b>14</b> 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 5208, GH 8:00pm AA Mtg, ASH #5	<b>15</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer, Church 9:30am Ignatian Imaginative Prayer Exercise, Church 12:00pm Noonday Prayer, Church, followed by soup/salad, GH
<b>16</b> 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Forum 10:15am Sunday School, ASH #2 10:30am HE Rite II 11:30am Pack Christmas Boxes 11:45am Fellowship 12:00pm Youth Group Mtg, ASH #5 12:15pm Conf. Prep Mtg, ASH #8 7:00pm Blue Xmas Svc	<b>17</b> Office Closed 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 165	<b>18</b> 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church 9:30am Christmas Box Distribution 11:00am ECW Meet @ Chancellor Village for Caroling/Xmas Ornaments	<b>19</b> 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church 10:30am Quilters, ASH #8 (Bring a Bag Lunch)	<b>21</b> 8:00pm AA Mtg, ASH #5	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Healing Prayers Follow Both Services 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Forum 10:15am Sunday School, ASH #2 10:30am HE Rite II 11:45am Fellowship	<b>24</b> Office Closed 4:30pm Carol Sing 5:00pm Christmas Service w/Pageant 10:30pm Choir Music 11:00pm Christmas Service	<b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS - Office Closed/No Morning Prayer	<b>26</b> Office Closed - No Bible Study/ No Morning Prayer	<b>27</b> No Morning Prayer	<b>28</b> 8:00pm AA Mtg, ASH #5	<b>29</b> 12:30pm HOLD for Private Event

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8:00am HE, Rite I  
10:15am Sunday  
School, ASH #2  
10:30am HE Rite  
II/Lessons and  
Carols  
11:45am Fellowship

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Office Closed  
7:00pm Boy Scout  
Troop 165

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