



**Birthdays for December**

- 2nd Larry Bowman, Hampton Twitty
- 3rd Sandy Sloan
- 5th Opie Reed
- 6th Cobb Oxford, Mary Harris, Cara Foster
- 7th Bren Bowman
- 9th Pam Herold
- 10th Cathy Foster
- 11th Connie Ormes
- 12th Greta Jacobsen, Nancy Lewis, Jake Huggins
- 13th Louise Knisley, Bryan Harris.  
Emma Grace Crenshaw, Sydney Crenshaw
- 15th Lynne Prince, Corinne Foster
- 16th Cindy Baker
- 17th Anne Hughes
- 18th Randy Baker
- 20th Rebecca Dixon, Warren Hohn
- 21st Mark Huggins, Brianna Arnold
- 22nd Sara Cheek
- 23rd Talin Hohn
- 24th Dianne Peeler
- 25th Jimmie McGaw
- 28th Bob Roche
- 29th Barbara Scott, Kevin Legere
- 30th Marian Maxwell, Crawford Knobel
- 31st Caroline Woodson

**Pray for healing and comfort**

- John Bostater
- Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia,cancer
- Leif Jacobsen and Anna May Jacobsen
- Marla Pietrawski-breast cancer
- Lauren –healing
- Ardith Speer-breast cancer
- Mrs. Dorothy Wilson-Rousseau
- Suzanne McMahan
- Kelly Brunelle
- Debi Frantz
- Marcella Gugnoni
- Gerald King-cancer
- Phil & Vicky Brown
- Michael Bays, Cancer
- Matthew Sharkey
- Gerald Hobby
- Lillian Bowers
- Becky Pazik
- David & Kendra Patten & Family (adoption)
- Miles Ming Patten (health & healing)
- Judy & Mark Blakenship
- Terry Anderson
- Zachery Jeffers
- Tom Hancock
- Anne Radnor
- Cameron Miles
- Harriett McClain
- Stephanie Flaherty -Jackie Lenhart’s sister
- Kathleen Liva-Barbara Davis’ daughter
- Robyn Bundy
- Rebecca Veeck
- Amy Jacobs—Heart & Lung Transplant
- Paul Garrich—colon cancer
- Jason
- Suzanne Turner-breast cancer
- De Reed
- Joshua McMillan
- Bobby Murrell
- Diane Obright
- Kelly Novak –friend of Father Jack’s
- Dearlan Hays
- Bobby McNair
- Eleanor Trammell
- Don Colman– Knee surgery
- Henry Louttit (Susan Hardaway’s father)

**Requested by**

- Kathy Bostater
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- Greta Jacobsen
  
- Sharon Homer-Drummond
- Bill Speer
- Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie
- Gloria Byrd
- De & Opie Reid
- Lisa Tucker
- Tony Gugnoni
- Valerie Peterson
- Cindy Baker

- Lisa Tucker
- Linda Hoffman
- Donna LeBrun
- Heather Tucker
- Heather Tucker

Greta Jacobsen

- Stuart & Gail Adamo
- Ellie Cooper
- Jerry Peeler
- Jackie Lenhart
- Mary Jeffers

Tari Prince

- Jackie Lenhart
- Lynne Prince
- Betty Martin



*The Grace Bell*



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*“Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God’s living Spirit; not chisled into stone, but carved into human lives-and we publish it.”*  
2 Corinthians 3:2-3



*Jack in the Pulpit*

**TIS THE SEASONS**

Hey all,

Happy New Year! We begin the Christian year with the season of Advent, the season of waiting for God. If I had to choose one word to describe this season it would be “waiting”, waiting for God’s Kingdom and waiting for the birth of Jesus. It is a kind of waiting that is filled with longing. Like a child waiting for Saint Nicholas so we wait for God’s kingdom and the birth of Jesus, like Simeon looking forward to the consolation of Israel, getting ready to sing.

Christmas begins on a Sunday night this year and we begin with a children’s Christmas pageant to celebrate the birth of our Lord. That Sunday morning we will celebrate the fourth Sunday of the Advent season at the 8:00 AM liturgy, followed by a parish breakfast and Christmas decorating event as we get ready for the Christmas liturgies that night. The **10:30 AM liturgy is canceled** so we can make the preparations. Come lend a hand as we change the seasons!

The Christmas Eve schedule is the usual one for us: 5:00 PM Eucharist with Pageant  
10:30 PM Eucharist with Choir  
(music starts at 10:00)

Hurry up and Wait!

Lift up your hearts,

Fr. Jack

**Stewardship Report**

October 2017 Revenue	\$ 32,411.00
October 2017 Expenses	\$ 31,699.00
October 2017 Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 712.00
YTD 2017 Revenue (Including Prepaids)	\$285,728.00
YTD 2017 Expenses	\$301,877.00
YTD Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$ 16,149.00)
2017 Projected Annual Revenue Budget	\$349,713.00
2017 Annual Expense Budget	\$365,699.00
2017 Projected Budget Deficit	(\$ 15,986.00)

## Wednesday Night Dinners

December 6th—Host Christian Formation  
December 13th  
Catered by: Pam Garrett



## Open invitation

**Mental Wellness Group** meet December 1st and December 15th of the month in the Parish Library from 1:30 -3:00 pm. For more information speak to Deacon Mary Jeffers. All are Welcome!



## Coats for the King

We will be collecting new or gently used coats for our community friends in need of coats and blankets. Coats and blankets may be brought to the church by **January 7**. Men's, women's and children's coats are being collected. Thank you.

**St. Catherine's Guild** met on November 6. Ms. Margaret Evans, outreach coordinator from Safe Harbor was the guest speaker and spoke about Domestic Violence. The women of St. Catherine's Guild took part in a simulation which informed and educated the group about domestic violence. For more information about Safe Harbor visit their website: [SAFEHABORSC.ORG](http://SAFEHABORSC.ORG), Crisis hotline phone number is 800-291-2139.

(In the photo are Bren Bowman, President of St. Catherine's Guild, Margaret Evans, and Susan Anderson, Vice President of St. Catherine's Guild)



**Your worship committee** has been working to get our youth involved as acolytes (torch bearers, crucifers and gospel bearers). Our work is paying off - we have 6 new torch bearers. The older torch bearers are moving on to being gospel bearers and crucifers.

Now for the hard part. Our supply of children and preteen-sized "servant's albs" and belts is limited. We don't need anyone tripping over a too large robe while carrying a lit torch! To vest all of these children, we will need to add additional robes in varied sizes to our collection. This project will cost up to \$600. Donations for the worship committee vestment purchases are now being accepted.

It's time to think about who you want to run your church next year! If you are interested in serving on the **Vestry, as a Diocesan Convention Delegate or on the Endowment Committee** please add your name and contact info to the "Nominations" sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall ... OR ... please speak with Janet Rippy ([843\) 290-4221](tel:8432904221) or any of the other Vestry members if you have any questions!



## Christmas Flowers

Please complete and return to the parish office no later than **December 17**. The minimum suggested donation is \$20.

Given to the Glory of God and in:

Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

## Youth News

We want to encourage all youth to participate in the service by serving in some way. We invite you to be Greeters, Ushers, Presenters, Lectors in addition to the roles of Acolytes. Talk with [Lyn](#), Carly or Samantha about signing up.

**November 26:** This is our fellowship fun Sunday. We understand that many of you will be out of town for thanksgiving or have family in town and will be busy entertaining. Therefore, we have decided to sign up for COFFEE HOUR as a way to engage fellowship among our whole congregation. We will need parents to sign up to bring a snack and help set up and clean up if able. Let Lyn, Samantha, or Carly know if you are able to help.

**December 3rd:** We will be teaming up with the St. Catherine's group to help provide and serve a meal at the South Main Chapel and Mercy Center. We will attend the 8:00 worship and then gather in the kitchen to prepare the meal. We strongly encourage all Youth to be present and ready with their smiling faces and Grace EYC shirts to give back to the community.

**December 10:** EYC at church from 5-7pm

**December 17:** EYC Christmas party (details to come)

The **Ecuador mission team** has begun fundraising for their trip in June. Our first events will be in December with a Family themed **Children's Create** event Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30- Each child will prepare a Christmas project and enjoy a gathering of friends with juice, coffee, and hot chocolate provided. Price is \$30 and all craft supplies will be provided.

**Adult Paint and Pour** coming in January! Watch for details.

December 18-19: the team will host an **Advent Day camp** at church available from 7:30am-5:30pm. Price is \$45 a day per child. We will provide lunch, fun activities and fellowship as we prepare your children for the coming of Christ! Please sign up by Dec 3rd.

[Advent Day camp sign up here](#)

**Yes!** There will be a Valentine Dinner too.

## Christian Formation

**ADVENT 1** is **not the weekend** after Thanksgiving this year. We **will** make **Advent wreaths** on **Dec. 3rd** **Bring your greenery and we will have all the other supplies. A SUPER fun family activity!**

**We are having a Pageant!** Children of all ages welcome to participate. See Heather Tucker for details.

**November 26 - Advent group Sunday School Lesson. Pageant prep - Will be pulling out costumes and to get the kids excited about the pageant**

December 3rd - 9:30 am **Advent Wreath Making**. Participants need to bring their greenery: holly, juniper, nandina, magnolia, ivy.

December 6th - Christian Formation hosts **Wednesday night supper**. Please let Lyn or Donna know if you are able to help with the **SET UP, DURING supper and CLEAN UP**.

After supper, we will have our first **Pageant practice** and will be from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

December 10th - **Pageant Practice** during Sunday School

**December 13 - Wednesday night Supper and Pageant practice** from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

December 17 - **Pageant Practice** during Sunday School

**3 p.m. Sunday School Family Gathering at LeBrun's.** We'll do graham cracker crust Gingerbread Houses. Donna will have a sign-up sheet closer to the event for pot luck foods and candies.

December 20 - Joyful Noise Choir will still meet at 5:30, we'll eat pizza at 6:00 and have our last **Pageant practice** shortly thereafter.