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Announcements

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CHILI NEWS: Betsy and Charles Dell have once again done a tremendous job of coordinating our annual chili sale. Thanks to both of you for making this fundraiser such a success! Here is their note to all who participated...

Thank you so much to all of you who made chili for us, and bought chili from us, at our recent chili sale! Thanks, also, to our muffin maker and those who bought them!! We had a very successful sale, and will give the church close to \$600.00, thanks to the support of you!! (This is approximately the same as last year's sale!) X. Betsy and Charles Dell

11/26 PARISH GATHERING... KEEPING ADVENT: How do we keep Advent holy in order to prepare our hearts, minds and souls for the coming of the Savior anew into our lives? In a pluralistic society that embraces multiple religious seasons against the background hum of secular expectations and demands, it's a challenge. However, there are ways to keep a sacred focus that will ultimately bring the peace, love and hope that keep us ALIVE! Let's come together to share what has meant and means the most to us, and Beth will share some tried and true and perhaps some new devotional possibilities.

MUSIC AT EPIPHANY IN THE WEEKS AND SEASONS TO COME: Through the month of November, we will be without an organist. During this time, we'll explore ways to worship joyfully through spoken liturgy and silence, through the use of our sound system for prelude and postlude music of various types, by singing acapella hymns, by asking our children to lead us in singing songs they have been learning in Godly Play, and by other creative means that we have not yet identified. Approaching worship with curiosity, expectation and a playful desire to participate in new ways of being a worshipping congregation will no doubt bear good fruit!

On October 29th, the choirs met to discuss the importance of matching singers' and ringers' ability to commit to rehearse music (hymns, anthems, & special handbell pieces) planned for particular dates. Beth+ shared that the singing choir's primary liturgical responsibility is the singing support of congregational hymns and service music. Anthems are also a priority; they will be planned and rehearsed as desire, ability and time permit. It was decided that the bell choir will rehearse on 1st Sundays of the month and on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 as upcoming hand bell pieces are scheduled and rehearsals are needed.

A BIG THANK YOU TO MARTI WILSON AND HOLLY CROSS FOR TAKING ON INNUMERABLE TASKS IN SUPPORT OF THE CHOIRS DURING THIS INTERIM TIME!!!!

On Advent 1, December 3rd, we will welcome Elizabeth Francisco, a pianist / occasional organist / choral director who will support our worship throughout Advent and Christmas and perhaps into Epiphany. Elizabeth rehearsed with the choir on Thursday. We're very excited to be working with her and look forward to her leadership as we worship.

We will continue to advertise for and interview applicants for the Epiphany music ministry position of keyboardist/choir master. If you are aware of musicians who might be qualified and interested in a permanent music ministry position, please speak to Beth+.

KEEPING TRACK OF OUR STUDY BIBLES: We have 12 New Interpreter Study Bibles that are kept on the bookshelf in the undercroft. If you'd like to check one out for use at home, please sign it out on the sheet you'll find on the clipboard on top of the books. Currently, one person has one at home and one seems to be at large. Please let Beth know if you have it and thanks for signing it out.

ADVENT QUIET DAY at Christ Church, Pottstown: On Saturday, December 2, 2017 8:30AM—3:00PM, the Daughters of the King (Annie Engel Chapter) will be holding an Advent Quiet Day. Participants will be making Wreath of Life prayer bracelets and experiencing prayer stations based on the beads in the prayer bracelet. A \$10 donation includes all materials, continental breakfast and soup luncheon. All women and men welcome!! Register by calling 610-323-2895

CHRISTMAS COOKIE CAVALCADE: reopens again on Saturday, December 9, from 11:00am to 2:00 PM (or as long as the cookies last) we will once again open our undercroft to the parish and our community so they can buy your delicious cookies. So, we need COOKIES! In years past, lines have formed outside waiting for us to open up. What a beautiful face we present to Royersford. Please plan to contribute to this festive fundraiser.

Gift certificates will be available for \$12 a box. We will be playing seasonal music and we will join together as a parish to celebrate the season, the community and the deliciousness of the parish. Those who are baking... please include a small sign (index card, tent card, card stock, etc.) that describes the cookie and if it has nuts. This really helps our shoppers. My cousin Jim has already pledged to bake several batches of his pressed Christmas cookies. Last year we sold over 100 boxes. Can we top that? Sure we can. If you have any questions, see, call, email Bill Wilson

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE - Seafarers are an essential part of the global system that brings us 90% of all our goods. Many of them are here at the Port of Philadelphia, far from home and family during the holidays. Help us show them our appreciation this upcoming holiday season.

We will be collecting items on the wish list for the seafarers. Please deposit your items in the box provided in the narthex **TODAY, our final day of collection.** This year's ingathering is being headed by Helen Warner; please see her with questions.

Ditty Bag Wish List

Hats, scarves and gloves in dark colors, Razors & Shaving Cream, Toothbrush & toothpaste
Shampoo & Comb, Deodorant, Work socks & Work gloves, Mini sewing kit, Pens & Stationary
Nail Clippers

Thank you!

SCRIP: Scrip date for November is the 26th. It is a great time to begin thinking about Christmas and holiday giving. The scrip website (www.shopwithscrip.com) has listed a number of vendors which will have small denomination cards (\$5 and \$10) available for the holiday season. If you have any questions or would like to help with the program, please speak to Susan Garone.

LET'S READ THE WHOLE BIBLE TOGETHER THIS YEAR! This week's readings:

Nov 20 Day 323 – Amos 9, Psalm 115, Matthew 17
Nov 21 Day 324 – Obadiah, Psalm 116, Matthew 18
Nov 22 Day 325 – Jonah 1, Psalm 117, Matthew 19
Nov 23 Day 326 – Jonah 2, Psalm 118, Matthew 20
Nov 24 Day 327 – Jonah 3, Psalm 119:1-32, Matthew 21
Nov 25 Day 328 – Jonah 4, Psalm 119:33-72, Matthew 22
Sunday 11/26 Day 329 – Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church
OR... go to www.epiphanystar.net and...Scroll down to Bishop's Bible Challenge, click day or week of your choice, find the red link: click & read

SAVE THE DATES

TODAY		Seamen's Church Ingathering (Last Collection Day)
	after 10am serv.	Parish Life Meeting (Rector's Office)
11/26		Parish Gathering: Keeping Advent in the Home
12/2	Sat 8:30-3	Advent Quiet Day at Christ Church, Pottstown
12/9	Sat 11-3	Christmas Cookie Cavalcade (Undercroft)
12/15	Fri. 7:30	Coventry Community Chorus Christmas Concert
12/17	after 10am serv.	Greening of the Church
12/24	10 am	Advent 4 (No 8am service)
12/24	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service (One service only this year)

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Tanya Millet
Lectors:	Tanya Millet & Ben Millet
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Cindy Lind
Usher:	Kathy Cobbs & Julie Datillo
Counters:	Bill and Marti Wilson
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson
Godly Play Greeter	

Coffee Hour The Tosco Family

OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Monday	7:30pm	N.A. (Undercroft)
Tuesday	8:00pm	A.A. (Undercroft)
Wednesday	10:15am	Holy Eucharist with Healing and Short Bible Study
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
	7:00pm	Daisy Troop 7390 (Undercroft)
Thursday		HAPPY THANKSGIVING! (No choir rehearsals)
Sunday 11/26	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Spoken)
	9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Music)
		Church School Children process from the church nave to Education Building at 10 and return at the Peace
	11:15am	Parish Life Meeting (Rector's Office)

ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship, Formation & Fellowship (11/26)

	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	TBD
Lectors:	Joanne Arnold & Paul Atlee
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Vicki Cox
Usher:	Kathy Cobbs & Julie Datillo
Counters:	Charles Dell and Volunteer
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Teacher	Liz Leary
Godly Play Greeter	
Coffee Hour Potluck	Thanksgiving leftovers!!! (ANY & ALL)

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

8AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I (SPOKEN)

10AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)

MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY

10:15AM WEDNESDAYS

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