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Announcements

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TODAY'S 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.

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

MUSIC AT EPIPHANY IN THE WEEKS AND SEASONS TO COME: 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 has rehearsed with the choir. 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.

SCRIP: There is a scrip order day **TODAY**, November 26. Because of the way the holidays fall this year, there will be only one order date next month: DECEMBER 10. January's dates will be the 7th and the 21st. Thank you for your ongoing support. Susan

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE- NOVEMBER 2017: As of the end of October (83% of the year) pledge income is at 82% of expected. Thank you to all who have been keeping up with your pledge commitments. If you have fallen behind, we welcome your efforts to catch up.

Our budget last year projected a deficit of approximately \$23,000, and a withdrawal from the endowment fund was to be expected. The Vestry voted this month to withdraw \$20,000 from the Endowment Fund, somewhat less than anticipated, due to lower expenses over the course of the year.

As of November 12, we have received 28 pledges (including 2 new pledgers!) for 2018, totaling \$87,830, a testament to the generosity of the congregation at Epiphany. Last year we received 39 pledges, for a total of \$99,882. We welcomed and are grateful for any and all pledge commitments, no matter the amount, and would like to receive them before December 1. We will need to prepare next year's budget to present at the Annual Meeting in late January and an accurate estimate of pledge income is extremely important.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding financial matters, please speak to Paul Atlee or Susan Garone.

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

Nov 27 Day 330 – Micah 1, Psalm 119:73-112, Matthew 23

Nov 28 Day 331 – Micah 2, Psalm 119:113-144, Matthew 24

Nov 29 Day 332 – Micah 3, Psalm 119:145-176, Matthew 25

Nov 30 Day 333 – Micah 4, Psalm 120, Matthew 26

Dec 1 Day 334 – Micah 5, Psalm 121, Matthew 27

Dec 2 Day 335 – Micah 6, Psalm 122, Matthew 28

Sunday 12/3 Day 336 – 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

12/2	Sat 8:30-3	Parish Gathering: Keeping Advent in the Home Advent Quiet Day at Christ Church, Pottstown
12/9	Sat 11-3	Christmas Cookie Cavalcade (Undercroft)
12/10	Sun 6:30am	St. Augustine's
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:	TBD
Lectors:	Joanne Arnold & Paul Atlee
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Vicki Cox
Usher:	Kathy Cobbs & Julie Dattilo
Counters:	Charles Dell and Volunteer
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Teacher	Liz Leary
Godly Play Greeter	Kathy Cobbs
Coffee Hour	Potluck Thanksgiving leftovers!!! (ANY & ALL)

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	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 12/3	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Spoken)
	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

ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship, Formation & Fellowship (12/3)

	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Paul Atlee
Lectors:	Kathy Cobbs & Jack Cobbs
Acolyte:	Paul Exley
Greeter:	Bill Wilson
Usher:	Cindy Lind & Mary Thompson
Counters:	Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson
Godly Play Greeter	Julie Dattilo

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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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