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Announcements

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ADVENT WORSHIP: In Advent, we are quiet, contemplative, self-reflective in order to prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of the Holy One. Periods of silence punctuate the liturgy to assist us in this Advent prayerfulness. Ask yourself...

“How open am I to receive God’s profound *love of me*?”

“Do I truly believe that God holds each and every one of my neighbors in this gaze of profound love?”

“Do I realize and accept God’s invitation for me to carry the reality of that love to the other?”

Let us practice receiving and offering God’s love throughout our Advent liturgies with one another. At the time of the sharing of The Peace following the confession of sin and the absolution, practice this deep flow of love through you to each one with whom you share God’s peace...let God’s love flow deeply between you in your gaze and in your touch or kiss of peace, an ancient liturgical act. The number of people with whom you share is less important than the depth of the sharing. Save more superficial conversation for another time. Perhaps this new way of being will transform us in ways we cannot even imagine.

WELCOME, ELIZABETH! Today, we welcome Elizabeth Francisco, a pianist / occasional organist / choral director who will support our worship throughout Advent and Christmas and perhaps into Epiphany. We’re very excited to be working with her and look forward to her leadership as we worship.

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

SCRIP: Because of the way the holidays fall this year, there will be only one order date this month: DECEMBER 10. January's dates will be the 7th and the 21st. Thank you for your ongoing support.
Susan

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.

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

Dec 4 Day 337 – Micah 7, Psalm 123, Mark 1
 Dec 5 Day 338 – Nahum 1, Psalm 124, Mark 2
 Dec 6 Day 339 – Nahum 2, Psalm 125, Mark 3
 Dec 7 Day 340 – Nahum 3, Psalm 126, Mark 4
 Dec 8 Day 341 – Habakkuk 1, Psalm 127, Mark 5
 Dec 9 Day 342 – Habakkuk 2, Psalm 128, Mark 6
 12/10 Day 343 – 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

12/9	Sat 11-3	Christmas Cookie Cavalcade (Undercroft)
12/10	Sun 6:30am	St. Augustine's
12/10	after 10am serv.	Special Parish Forum on Property Ideas
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)
1/6	Sat. 2 pm	The Feast of the Epiphany (Deanery Service @ Epiphany)

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	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

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	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 12/10	6:30am	St. Augustine's
	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
		Special Parish Forum on Property Ideas following 10am service

ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship, Formation & Fellowship (12/10)

	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	William Hummer
Lectors:	Helen Warner
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Betty Murphy
Usher:	Cindy Lind & Mary Thompson
Counters:	Vincent & Susan Garone
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson
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Coffee Hour	

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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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