



# TIDINGS

The Newsletter of Christ Church – St. Michael's Parish (Episcopal) December 2010

## Service of Advent Lessons & Carols *Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM*



On the *Second Sunday of Advent*, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM we offer our annual service of “Advent Lessons & Carols” with our clergy and Chancel Choir. This candlelight service is intended as a preparation for the Christmas celebration and includes hymns, carols and the reading of lessons that move us from Advent into the Annunciation and to the eve of the birth of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. A lovely, contemplative service, Advent Lessons & Carols sets the tone for what has become a very busy holiday season. Please plan to set aside time to join us for this moving service as we prepare our hearts and minds for welcoming the Christ child at Christmas.

## Seasonal Services for Advent & Christmas

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*The Second Sunday of Advent*  
Advent Lessons & Carols at 5 PM

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
*The Third Sunday of Advent*  
Christmas in St. Michaels  
Festival of Choirs at 6 PM

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
*The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord*  
Family Christmas Eucharist with  
Children's Sermon at 4 PM  
Christmas Eucharist at 6 PM  
Choral Prelude at 10:30 PM  
Festal Christmas Eucharist at 11 PM

**Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*The Nativity of Our Lord*  
Christmas Eucharist at 11 AM

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*First Sunday after Christmas Day*  
Combined Service: Christmas  
Lessons & Carols at 9:30 AM

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Second Sunday after Christmas Day*  
Children's Pageant at 10:15 AM

## New Addition to the Lea Library: Federal Style Display Cabinet

*Special Reception on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5 to 7 PM*

Parishioner and cabinetmaker, Tom Norris, has just completed a new custom display cabinet for the Lea Library. Commissioned by librarian Lyn Barrett and generously underwritten by our Docent's Guild the walnut cabinet, which was designed by Jim McMartin of McMartin & Beggins, is in the 1790s Federal style. Once installed, the case will hold our 1790 Bible, the Thiers' family Bible from 1850, and early editions of *The Book of Common Prayer*. Please join Lyn, Tom and the Docents' Guild for a special reception on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5 to 7 PM.



*Not quite finished.*

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Morning Prayer - 9AM Mondays through Fridays  
Holy Eucharist (Londonderry) – 1:30PM 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
Sunday Services: 8AM & 10:15AM

Submissions to the *TIDINGS* monthly parish newsletter are due on the **10<sup>th</sup> of the previous month**. Please email items for publication to [peterhouck@aol.com](mailto:peterhouck@aol.com) or leave in newsletter editor’s mailbox located at the parish house

Newsletter editor: Peter Houck



### December Days

*In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.* **Hymn 110**

*The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright, when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.* **Hymn 112**

Christmas carols, such as those quoted above, often make reference to the weather. And, as someone who has lived his entire life in the Northern Hemisphere, these references to snow and cold resonate with me. A few weeks ago, however, I was reminded of how my associations are relative to my own experience when I received an email from friends from Australia. Well, they used to be in Australia. Earlier this year, the Reverend Patrick Duckworth—for whom I worked during my sabbatical—and his wife Kerri moved from Adelaide, Australia to Barnsley in South Yorkshire, England. Kerri wrote in her email that she and Patrick “have a cozy home that should be a lovely place to see out the northern winter.” To put it in perspective, December in Adelaide might witness a high temperature of 100 degrees, whereas Barnsley may have a high in December of 40 degrees. The Duckworth’s December activities have shifted from let’s have a “barbie on the beach” to “please throw another log on the fire.” I can imagine that for once the Duckworth’s will think “a ha!” when singing “snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter...”

For us, here on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, December marks the official passage from autumn to winter and, while our winters tend to be mild, summer warmth is but a distant memory. Throughout December we experience short days and long, dark nights. Advent, the Church season that precedes Christmas, uses imagery of light coming into the world and darkness being overpowered by that light. That light, of course, is the Christ child. Eucharistic Prayer C, which we pray throughout Advent, describes the situation and transition as such:

*Again and again [God] called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. –The Book of Common Prayer, p. 370.*

That prayer describes both the anticipation of Advent and the birth of Christ in very few words. Unembellished, unencumbered by weather or other details, we have the simple story of God’s love for us and the extraordinary gift that God gave to us. That is the story that I hope each of us can hold on to during this busy season of Advent. In the midst of the decorating, the holiday parties and open houses, the shopping for presents, I pray that we not lose sight of why this is a time of celebrating, extending hospitality and gift-giving. In our own way we are acting out God’s love for us by extending our love, gifts and attention to those we love.

On Sunday evening, December 5<sup>th</sup> we offer the lovely service of Advent Lessons & Carols with our Chancel Choir. Hymns, lessons and carols convey to us the anticipation of this season as we look to Christmas and to welcoming the infant Jesus yet again. In the hustle and bustle of December, take some time for prayerful reflection, and don’t take your eye off the prize.

—Mark Nestlehutt



## The Surprise of God

Since I've become a priest, I have been asked to do many interesting things. In Norfolk, I blessed a vintage bar that a neighbor had delivered from Ireland in sections and then painstakingly reassembled in his dining room. After sampling the very fine whiskey he had also imported, I somehow found the appropriate words. I've blessed statues and crosses, boats and beagles. I've served on boards for homeless shelters, youth camps and agencies for the aging. I think that being surprised by the variety of Christian experience is one of the best parts of my vocation.

Last week, I was invited to be a member of a panel on women and ministry at an evangelical church. I accepted, thinking I would speak about feminist liberation theology and perhaps say a bit about my own experience as a woman priest. The woman who invited me is a colleague from my women's clergy support group. She was rather vague about what the panel was about, and I think I assumed that I knew what she was asking me to do.

When the program started, I realized that I had completely misunderstood what the event was meant to be. It turned out to be a "preach-off" not unlike those old fashioned "bake-offs"-- and not only was I the only white woman on the panel, I was the only preacher who wasn't accustomed to being accompanied by a back-up band playing praise music. I was also the only preacher without any notes, completely unprepared for delivering a sermon, and a preacher with a completely different style in delivery. Even though we were all women, I felt very different as I waited for my turn to go to the pulpit.

Somehow, I managed. I think God helped me to say something good -- though the praise band became totally silent and the congregation's cries of "Preach it, Sister!" turned to "Teach it, Sister!" Some women preached of finding God in experiences I couldn't even begin to imagine, abuse, drug addiction, time served in prison. Despite feeling out of place, I began to experience the Good News in those terrible stories of lives lived on the edge. I began to hear God despite the loud music; to realize that sometimes God is found in all the wrong places; that there is more than one way to preach a sermon, and to know that there is more than one way to understand feminist theology. Some women in the congregation were homeless and in trouble, and I later heard that the stories that they had heard had given them a sense of hope and promise and resolve. God surprised me all over again.

Maybe God surprising us all over again is what Advent is all about. Maybe it's a time to re-examine what we think we are being asked to do by God. I imagine that Mary's ideas about religion and being a woman were challenged by Gabriel's visit. What a surprise to find God becoming human in the squalor of a stable or a crack house or a prison cell! As we wait together to celebrate the most unlikely of events, we might be asked to find God in experiences we can't even begin to imagine, to hear God's word in unaccustomed ways, and to go someplace uncomfortable, where we can't help but feel different. Preach it, teach it, live it. Get ready to be surprised -- it's Advent!

-- Mary Garner



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## United Thank Offering -- Carol Carlson

Thanks to all who responded to the fall ingathering from the United Thank Offering. We collected \$1,035. Because you are thankful, so many others will be, too.

## October 2010 Rummage Sale! -- Judy Sandground

The fall rummage sale succeeded fabulously in several ways: **1.** It provided needed items at low prices to many who are struggling in our community; **2.** It gained the active participation of almost **everyone** in our church, and **3.** It raised the incredible sum of \$12,300 which the ECW can contribute to named charities in our area. Our heartfelt thanks to **all of you** who participated -- by donating clothing and other items; by sorting, folding, pricing and displaying the items, and by serving as cashiers and counters.



Left: Our Dedicated Volunteers Awaiting the Sale's Beginning Friday morning.

Above: Furniture, Etc., Displayed Outside.

Below Left & Right: Shoppers Finding Bargains Inside and Out.



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Youth Group News! *Meetings in December*

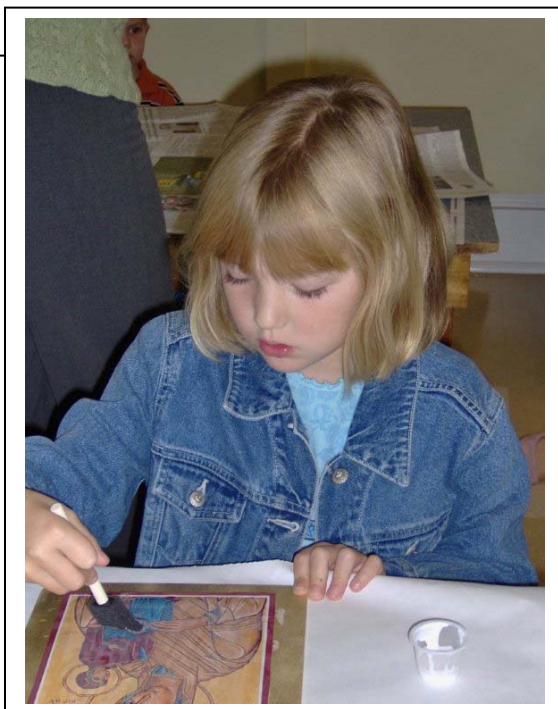
**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 3- 5 PM** Icebreakers, Games & “Images of God”

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 PM** Outreach Project: Christmas Boxes followed by Christmas Caroling

The Christ Church Youth Group is open to all young people—parishioners and friends—in grades 5 through 12. Youth Group meets twice monthly with a mix of activities around outreach, Christian formation and outings. For more information speak with adult mentors, Ann Roe, Sparrow Mahoney, Don Buxton or Mark Nestlehutt.

## Church School News – Lee Thomas

October and November have been busy months. Along with learning about Joseph and other Old Testament characters, activities have really been the highlight. Reverend Mary joined us in the classroom for “All Hallows” pumpkin carving and creating icons for All Saints Day. We had lots of volunteers who helped the children with their creations – and lots of smiles during the procession on November 7<sup>th</sup>. In mid-November, the Church School Leaders are encouraged to participate in the “Safeguarding God’s Children” program conducted by Dee Zeller, the Director of Camp Wright. The evening should prove to be insightful and we hope many will have the chance to attend. Everyone has been looking forward to the All-Parish Advent Wreath workshop on November 28<sup>th</sup>, and of course, December marks the beginning of our Winter Lesson Program and preparations for the annual Christmas pageant. Look for more information about the pageant in future church service bulletins, and mark the calendar for January 2<sup>nd</sup>!



# REACHING OUT



## **Christmas Bazaar -- Call for Donated Greens and Baked Goods**

As in years past, the Christmas Bazaar's Greens Committee asks members and friends to donate greens, especially those with berries, to help with the decoration of the baskets and wreaths which we will sell at **the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 11**. If you like, you may take the greens to the parish house porch starting Monday, December 6 – or, if you prefer, you may request that someone come to your home to cut and take the greens to the parish house. In that case, just call Carol McCanna at 410.745.5373 or Nancy Sipe at 410.745.6426. They will see that your greens are trimmed and taken to the parish house.

Greens activities the week of the December 6:

December 6 to December 8 -- Greens gathered and placed on the parish house porch.

December 7 -- Bow making for the baskets and wreaths in the Lea Library at 1:00 with coffee and cookies.

December 9 -- Decorate the baskets and wreaths to sell on December 11.

Saturday, December 11 -- The day of the Bazaar (9:00 to noon).

To make the greens products we sell at the Bazaar, we need your donations of greens and time and talent. All are welcome to help out; bring friends and family to share in the spirit of giving. This is a great chance to work with other women in the church and maybe even get to know someone you did not know before. -- Louise Woods

**This is also an opportunity to show your baking skills.** When you bake for home, please make an extra batch for the Christ Church Christmas Bazaar .... breads, cookies, cakes, or surprise us! For questions, please contact Elizabeth Simoncini at 410-745-5076 or [lizsal5@yahoo.com](mailto:lizsal5@yahoo.com). **Proceeds Benefit the Whole Community!**

ECW uses the proceeds from your donated greens and baked goods to benefit local community organizations, including Habitat for Humanity St. Michaels, the S.M. Fire Department and the S.M. Community Center.

## **Stephen Ministry at Christ Church – Lesley Moyer**

As many of you know, Christ Church has a dedicated team of trained, caring Stephen Ministers and Leaders. If you need a pair of listening, non-judgmental ears to discuss a worry or concern – we are here for you. During this time of Advent when our lives become so busy preparing for the holidays, we can sometimes forget that some of us may be missing a loved one at this time, feeling lonely, sick or depressed. If you know someone who is dealing with any of these or other issues and might benefit from a Stephen Minister, please let us know. Since the inception of this program in 2007 we have helped 36 people – mostly members of our congregation, some not. Most of our Stephen Ministers will agree that it is an honor and privilege to ‘walk’ with someone through some of life’s ups and downs. Many of them will say that they receive far more than they give and indeed, some lasting friendships have been made.

Help for you or someone you know is just a phone call away. Don't be afraid to make the call to either Mark, Mary or to any of the Stephen Leaders listed below. They will gladly explain Stephen Ministry in greater detail and discern if it can be of help. Confidentiality is the foundation of Stephen Ministry; caring and listening are the “bricks” which will surround and comfort you. **Stephen Ministry Leaders:** Tom Mendenhall, 410-745-686; Lesley Moyer, 410-745-0606; Ann Roe, 410-745-5200; Jessie Weddle, 410-745-0038; Joan Zwemer, 410-745-9599.

## More REACHING OUT

### **The Christ Church Angel Tree Goes Up Dec. 5th.**

We all need angels at times, and this year, many children in St. Michaels need an angel more than ever before. As we move into the holiday season, Christ Church is again committed to being a strong partner in our community's Angel Tree project, and we need you to put on your wings and help these children experience a Christmas that heaven-sent.



We will put up our Angel Tree near the piano by December 5th. Each "angel" has the name of a child in need along with the information you need to know about them. We will have a sign-up sheet next to the tree where you can write your name and contact information. Once you have purchased your gift, please gift wrap it and return it to Christ Church with the angel attached to the top of the present. We will collect the gifts and they will be distributed at a Christmas party for the children.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol or Oscar Carlson (410-770-9591); Connie Mahoney (410-745-8454); Sparrow Mahoney (571-213-2519) or Jim Tressler (703-475-9678).

### **Children's Home Foundation -- Nance duPont and Dianne Shaw**

Students and young adults of the Eastern Shore send a sincere thank you to the entire parish for your generous donations to the Children's Home Foundation. Because of your generosity, deserving high school graduates will be able to pursue career and technology training and younger students will be able to attend summer camps that otherwise would not be available to them.



**It is never too late to make a donation. Just write a check to Christ Church and note "CHF" on the memo line, or contact either of the two representatives, Nance DuPont or Dianne Shaw.**

# More REACHING OUT

## Why a Collection for El Hogar at Christmas Time? -- *Funding a Christmas Treat for the Kids*

I've had the fortunate experience to visit El Hogar in both 2006 and most recently in June this year. I wrote a short story for the August newsletter and I wanted to update you on what's happened since then. I struggled for a while seeking some guidance from God on how best to proceed with my involvement. Although I had committed to join the mission next year, somehow that did not seem adequate. I was writing regularly to Alexis (Lexi – my sponsored boy), but was looking for some other way to get involved.

Like other times in my life when I just give up (literally to the Lord) the answer came quite clearly. Christmas popped into my head. I was not sure what it meant, so I wrote to El Hogar and asked if it were possible for me to visit the school then. Initially, it took them by surprise. The school year ends in early November and does not begin again until early January.

Given the nature of the school and the children it serves, many children are at the school full time. And, the holidays are quite the celebration there. I will be leaving for El Hogar from MD on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be there for 5 days. I will be the sole outside visitor and help the small remaining staff work with the children and keep them occupied.



Bill Corba and Alexis

I am re-studying my Spanish (I never really got it in high school) and am quite nervous about this trip. Unlike the missions, I will be there on my own and definitely outside my comfort zone. Christmas for me is normally with family and close friends. I suppose it will be the same...just a different family and new friends.

### How You Can Help

The school's wish is to take the children to the water park and a nice dinner. I am writing to my Christ Church family requesting your help to grant their wish. I genuinely appreciate any support you can provide. There are so many needy folks, especially during the holidays, I hope you can find room for these children.

If you prefer you can drop a check any time to Christ Church and add "El Hogar Christmas" in the memo field.

Aloha and Mahalo!

-- Bill Corba



# GROUP & CLUB NEWS

## Men's Breakfast Club – Leo Foulds

The December meeting of the Men's Breakfast Club is a week early due to Christmas in St. Michaels. The group will meet on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM in Etherton Hall. Many charities are dealing with reduced contributions and are having to refocus on the help being offered. Our guest speaker will be Salvation Army Captain David Gilliam, the local commander. He will outline the many positive contributions his organization performs during these challenging times. New or non-members are welcome. Should you wish to attend, please contact Leo Foulds at 410-745-6153 by December 1, 2010.

**Note:** There is no Docents' Guild column in this issue. It will resume in future Tidings.

## December Birthdays and Anniversaries

12/1	Wally Jansen	12/25	Barbara Jablin, Carol Stewart, Leslie Stevenson
12/2	Annie Sanford	12/27	Mike Esposito, Kristen Shaw
12/3	Sal Simoncini, Art & Nancy Waxter's Anniversary	12/28	Claire Hughson
12/4	Harvey Stewart, Eric Moseley	12/29	Tom Orem, James Rhine, Jack Hughes, Roger & Aly Valentine's Anniversary, Robert & Alice Petizon's Anniversary
12/5	Basil DeLashmutt, Zachary Johnson	12/30	Elizabeth Guthrie
12/6	Fran Brown, Tom Farrell	12/31	Laurie Driggs, Barbara MacInnes
12/8	Elaine Magrath, Harry & Linda Seemans' Anniversary		
12/9	Ab Kingman, Linn Ong, Elizabeth Morgan		
12/12	Charlotte Stolz		
12/13	Norma Harris, Darlene Leach		
12/14	Tom Hamilton		
12/15	Jane Hopkinson		
12/16	Ned McCall		
12/17	Robert Moore		
12/18	Lillian Watts, Sue Brannegan, Debbie Gregg		
12/19	Lee Thomas		
12/20	Sheila Mann, Betty Hurford, Fritz Riedlin, Chris Potosnack		
12/21	Neil Armstrong, Jim Vail		
12/22	Irene Valliant, Frank Hopkinson		
12/23	Charles Wilson, Janet Raitt, Shawn Clark, Helen Fegan		
12/24	Carol Kilbourn		

## From the Parish Register

Baptisms: Maple Addison Herrmann  
Scarlett Clementine Herrmann  
Christina Rose Stolz  
November 7, 2010

Funeral: Eleanor Kae Spencer  
November 3, 2010



# Ministry Areas of Christ Church

## Finances

(For the ten months ended Oct. 31, 2010)

### Revenues

Actual – Current Month	\$50,877	
Budget – Current Month	\$38,696	
Over/(Under) Current Month	\$12,181	favorable
Actual – YTD	\$438,050	
Budget – YTD	\$417,758	
Over/(Under) YTD	\$20,292	favorable

### Pledges

Actual – Current Month	\$40,410	
Budget – Current Month	\$30,350	
Over/(Under) Current Month	\$10,060	favorable
Actual – YTD	\$382,892	
Budget – YTD	\$349,300	
Over/(Under) YTD	\$33,592	favorable

### Expenses

Actual – Current Month	\$49,608	
Budget – Current Month	\$45,571	
Over/(Under) Current Month	\$ 4,037	unfavorable
Actual – YTD	\$432,909	
Budget – YTD	\$460,501	
Over/(Under) – YTD	\$(27,592)	favorable

### Revenues Less Expenditures

Actual – Current Month	\$ 1,269	
Budget – Current Month	\$ (6,875)	
Over/(Under) – Current Month	\$ 8,144	favorable
Actual – YTD	\$ 5,141	
Budget – YTD	\$ (42,743)	
Over/(Under) YTD	\$ 47,884	favorable

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Forum	Carl Widell
Adult Inquirers	Mark Nestlehutt
Church School:	
Ages 3-Grade 4	Lee Thomas
Rite 13	Mark Nestlehutt
Youth Confirmation	Mark Nestlehutt

## OUTREACH & WIDER MISSION

Back to School Project	Gillian Whyman, Judy Sandground
Children's Home Found.	Nance DuPont, Dianne Shaw
Environmental Issues	Margie Steffens
Episcopal Relief & Dev.	Pamela McCloud
El Hogar Project	Ned McCall
Grants Committee	John Hunnicutt
Habitat for Humanity	John Hunnicutt
Honduran Dental Mission	Jim Campi
St. Michaels Food Bank	John & Nancy Masone
United Thank Offering	Carol Carlson

## PARISH & COMMUNITY LIFE

Coffee Hour	Fritz Riedlin
Covenant Churches	Mary Garner
Docent's Guild	Joan Frey
Episcopal Church Women	Alice Utterback
Kitchen Committee	Mary Riedlin, Nancy Sipe
Layweeders	Kay Perkins
Lea Library	Robert & Marilyn Barrett
Lemonade/Cider in Hall	Cathy Mendenhall
Men's Club	Leo Foulds
Tidings Newsletter	Peter Houck
Welcoming Committee	Jim McCloud

## PASTORAL CARE

Care Circle	Joan Zwemer
Eucharistic Visitors	Jessie Weddle
Flower Delivery	Martha Austin
Prayer Chain	Mary Garner
Stephen Ministry	Mary Garner

## STEWARDSHIP

Annual Campaign/2011	Rick Morgan
Finance Committee	Cathy Mendenhall
Property	John Booth, Sal Simoncini
Transforming Stewardship Coordinator	Fritz Riedlin

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

Acolytes' Guild	Lee Hamilton
Altar Guild	Helen Bower, Judy Hause
Choirs:	
Chancel & Youth	William Thomas
Handbell	Bernice Walk
Euch. Ministers & Readers	Chloe Pitard
Flower Guild	Nancy Besso
Greeters/Oblation Bearers	Sheila Vaughan
Ushers	Robert Burger

# ~ December 2010 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10 AM Staff Meeting 5 PM Stephen Ministry Holiday Party 6:30 PM Youth Choir Practice 7 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team Meeting 1:30 PM Holy Eucharist at Londonderry 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8 AM Men's Breakfast
<b>5</b> <b>2 Advent</b> 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Forum & Church School 10:15 AM Parish Family Eucharist & Ruby Beasley Baptism 5 PM Advent Lessons & Carols	<b>6</b> 5 PM St. Michaels Art League 5 PM Christmas in St. Michaels	<b>7</b> 9 AM Stephen Ministry Supervision 11 AM Welcoming Committee Meeting 1 PM Christmas Bazaar Bow Making 5 PM St. Andrew's Society of the Eastern Shore Dinner 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice	<b>8</b> 10 AM Staff Meeting 4 PM Wreath Set-Up 6:30 PM Youth Choir Practice 7 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>9</b> <b>Christmas Bazaar Set Up</b> 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team Meeting 5 PM Covenant Churches Meeting 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>Christmas Bazaar Set Up</b>  <b>Deadline for January Tidings</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Christmas Bazaar</b>
<b>12</b> <b>3 Advent</b> 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Forum & Church School 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel 12 PM Warden's Meeting Celebration of Choirs for Christmas in St. Michaels	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:30 AM ECW Lunch & Meeting 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 7 PM Vestry Meeting	<b>15</b> 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Youth Choir Practice 7 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>16</b> 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team Meeting 1:30 PM Holy Eucharist at Londonderry 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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<b>26</b> <b>Christmas</b> 9:30 AM Christmas Lessons & Carols	<b>27</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>28</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>29</b> 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Youth Choir Practice 7 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>30</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>

## Staff

The Reverend Mark S. Nestlehutt, *Rector*  
The Reverend Mary Garner, *Associate Rector*  
Mr. William R. Thomas, *Director of Music*  
Ms. Carol A. Osborne, *Parish Administrator*  
Mr. George E. Short *Sexton*  
TBD, *Nursery Director*

## Vestry

Robert Burger, *Senior Warden*  
Sherry Sutton, *Junior Warden*  
Larry McCanna, *Treasurer*  
Mary Ellen Olcese, *Registrar*

Jim McCloud 2011  
Linda Norris 2011  
Sal Simoncini 2011  
Joan Zwemer 2011

John Booth 2012  
Cathy Mendenhall 2012  
Philip Parkinson 2012  
Judy Sandground 2012

John Masone 2013  
Rick Morgan 2013  
Fritz Riedlin 2013  
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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***DATED MATERIAL***

