

Christ Church News and Views

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From the Interim Rector



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Slow Down. Quiet. Its Advent.

Many years ago I came across this simple statement across the top of that year's Advent Calendar. It seemed to embody what we're called to do--or, better still: not do--during this Holy Season of Advent. Christians throughout the world are being challenged to go "counter-cultural"--by setting aside the outer busyness of this season to instead, focus our energies and our hearts on an inner preparation for receiving Emmanuel: God-with-Us.

To that end, this DECEMBER Newsletter is a simplified version of what comes out the rest of the year. It contains only essential information (along with the end-of-year Stewardship reminders) for Advent and Christmas, leaving reports and editorials aside until the next issue--in January.

It is my hope that your plans include weekly Sunday Worship at one of our two Services: 8 a.m., Rite I, or 10 a.m., Rite II. The complete schedule for Advent and Christmas follows, Why not invite one of your neighbors or friends to join you? Together, in community, let us Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness , slowing down long enough to adore Him.

Faithfully,

LindaK+

Stewardship

We are grateful for the pledges and donations received following our annual giving campaign letter sent earlier this month. The spirit of love and community here at Christ Church is clearly full and thriving.

Advent is a time set aside to reflect how the practice of intentional giving is in keeping with all that God has given us.

Your contribution allows us to plan for the coming year, and enables us to reduce our reliance upon our investment accounts to cover our annual expenses. Over the last several years contributions have been down. Please reflect upon all that God has given you and then respond as generously as you can.

Your financial pledge is a positive and measurable commitment to our Christ Church community that allows the Vestry to budget for the coming year.

We are comforted in having our endowment which we reserve as a safety net for major projects or emergency repairs; mindful that prudence dictates that the daily operations of the church be supported by the membership.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how the Holy Spirit is calling you to share God's abundance through giving. Think about how this community of faith impacts your life and the wider community and then respond, as you are able, just as so many of your sisters and brothers in Christ have already generously given.

Announcements

Your Amazon purchases can help our church.

Use Amazon's AmazonSmile program. For every eligible purchase you make, Christ Episcopal Church will receive .5% of the purchase price.

To enroll, go to your Amazon account page, choose *Account & Lists*, scroll down the lists to *AmazonSmile Charity Lists*, under *Select a Charity ..or pick your own charitable organization* type in Christ Episcopal Church West River, then check us off on the next page.

Then every time you want to order from Amazon, be sure to use the smile.amazon.com website and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to Christ Episcopal Church when you do your holiday shopping.

The collection bin for donations to veterans at Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home (CHVH) is once again under the tract table. A sheet detailing items needed (as well as items not wanted) is on the tract table.

Beginning in December, the Parish Office Hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays will change from 9 am - 1 pm to 10 am - 2 pm.

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In thanksgiving for God's gifts and as a steward of the treasure which is God's, for the work and ministry of Christ Church in the world, I/we commit to a financial contribution for the year 2019.

_____ I/We Pledge for the year 2019 [choose one type of pledge]

Annual Pledge \$ _____ *or*

Monthly Pledge \$ _____ *or*

Weekly Pledge \$ _____

_____ I/We will make a one-time gift

Check Included \$ _____

_____ I/We plan to use the Weekly Offering Envelopes
(Available on the tract table in the church by Jan 1st 2019)

_____ I/We are not in a position to pledge at the moment, but will contribute throughout the year.

Signature

Name (Please Print)

Advent Services

Sundays, 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sundays, 10 am Holy Eucharist or
Morning Prayer/Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 10 am Service includes Lighting of the Advent Candle(s).

ALL are welcome at ANY of these Services, including all families with their children.

MONDAY – December 17

7 pm Combined West River Churches
‘Blue Service’ at Centenary UMC,
Shady Side

SUNDAY - December 23:

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

After the 10 am service, volunteers needed
to help decorate the Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE - December 24:

4 pm - Children's Pageant and Family
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Afterwards Celebration of Baby Jesus'
Birthday in the SSB

7 pm Choral Prelude

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
with Special Music and Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY – December 25:

9 am only, Holy Eucharist, Rite, II, No music

CHRISTMAS I – December 30:

8 am NO Service

10 am Lessons and Carols Service

Donations For Christmas Flower Memorials

Donations for Christmas poinsettias to the Glory of God and in memory or in thanksgiving of a loved one, or for outreach are now being accepted. A form to define your donation is below.

Also, in the Sunday School Building there are forms, pens, blank envelopes and a box to put your completed form and check into.

Forms can be mailed, hand delivered or put into the box in the SSB . To be included in the Christmas bulletins, names must be received no later than Monday, December 10. Please print names carefully. They will appear in alphabetical order by last name.

Christmas decorations for the church have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

In Thanksgiving for:

For Outreach:

Given by:

Amount:

Make checks to Christ Church [memo: "Christmas flowers"]

Lay Service Roster

December 2018

Sunday 2	10 am ACOLYTES: Chloe Colhoun , Gus Colhoun, Will White CHALICE: Shelly Collinson LESSONS: Susanne Talbott VISITATION: Advent Greens	ALTAR GUILD: Shelly & Tom Collinson GREETER: Susanne Talbott PRAYERS: Jean Krebs
Sunday 9	10 am ACOLYTES: Emma Talbott , Nikki Rodda CHALICE: Bill Whitman HOSPITALITY HOUR: Anne Schultz PRAYERS: Chris Schultz	ALTAR GUILD: Shelly & Tom Collinson GREETER: Susanne Talbott LESSONS: Anne Schultz VISITATION: Advent Greens
Sunday 16	10 am ACOLYTES: Lucy Palmer, Margaux Palmer, Emma Robertson CHALICE: Emily Phipps HOSPITALITY HOUR: David & Pam Bush PRAYERS: Peyton Robertson	ALTAR GUILD: Shelly & Tom Collinson GREETER: Susanne Talbott LESSONS: Robin Luxenburg VISITATION: Advent Greens
Sunday 23	10 am ACOLYTES: Alex Schultz, Vincent Schultz CHALICE: Carole Magee-Turner LESSONS: Anne Schultz VISITATION: Advent Greens	ALTAR GUILD: Shelly & Tom Collinson GREETER: Susanne Talbott PRAYERS: Chris Schultz
Monday 24	4 pm ACOLYTES: Emma Talbott, Charlie Tremell LESSONS: Frank Tremel 7:30 pm ACOLYTES: Luke DiPietro, Eileen Doherty, Sabrina Doherty Will White LESSONS: AJ Brown	CHALICE: Mike Stricker PRAYERS: Susie Stricker CHALICE: Paula Tremel PRAYERS: Emma Robertson
Tuesday 25	9 am CHALICE: Susie Stricker PRAYERS: Carole Magee-Turner	LESSONS: Robin Luxenburg
Sunday 30	10 am ACOLYTES: Emma Robertson CHALICE: Ken Brown HOSPITALITY HOUR: Irene Gamboa PRAYERS: Peyton Robertson	ALTAR GUILD: Shelly & Tom Collinson GREETER: Susanne Talbott LESSONS: Cindi Brown VISITATION: Christmas Poinsettias

Church Events

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 First Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Choir Practice - Church 10:00 am HE-2 Family Service 3:00 pm 18th Annual Celtic-Christmas Concert \$25 (12 \$10)	3 . 5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH 6:30 pm BALLET, PH	4 . 9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH	5 . 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	6 .	7 . OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.	8
9 Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Choir Practice - Church 10:00 am MP-2 & HE 2	10 . 5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH 6:30 pm BALLET, PH	11 . 9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH	12 . 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	13 . 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting, SSB	14 . OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.	15
16 Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Choir Practice - Church 10:00 am HE-2	17 . 5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH 6:30 pm BALLET, PH 7:00 pm "Blue Service" Combined West River Churches service at Centenary United Methodist Church, Shady Side, MD	18 . 9:30 am Adult Stretch, PH	19 . 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	20 .	21 . OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.	22
23 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Choir Practice - Church 10:00 am MP II & HE II 11:00 am Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas	24 SECRETARY OFF Christmas Eve 7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Special Music & Carols 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Children's Pageant & Family Holy Eucharist, Rite II 7:00 pm Choral Prelude 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Special Music and Carols	25 OFFICE CLOSED. Christmas Day 9:00 am One Service - 9 am only - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, no music	26 . 7:00 pm AA, Hall 7:00 pm AL ANON, S.S.B.	27 .	28 . OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm AA, S.S.B.	29
30 First Sunday after Christmas Day 8:00 am No Service 9:00 am Choir Practice - Church 10:00 am Lessons and Carols Service	31 . 5:30 pm Ballet (ages 5-8) PH 6:30 pm BALLET, PH					



The 18th Annual Christ Church Celtic-Christmas Concert Sunday Dec. 2, 2018 One Show at 3:00

(reception to follow concert)

Join us for a joyous celebration of
Celtic & Holiday songs and music

featuring:

Maggie Sansone - hammered dulcimer

Andrea Hoag - fiddle

Sharon Knowles - Celtic harp

Laura Byrne - Irish flute

Connie Mckenna - vocals & guitar



Tickets and Information:

Christ Church West River, 220 Owensville Rd.
West River, MD 20778

Adults \$25, kids 12 and under \$10

For tickets call 410-867-0346

or email: ccwr.secretary@gmail.com

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Upcoming Events
The 18th Annual Celtic

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 2, 2018

One 3 pm show with reception to follow

A joyous evening of Celtic & Holiday songs and music with: Maggie Sansone: hammered dulcimer, Andrea Hoag: fiddle, Sharon Knowles: Celtic harp, Laura Byrne: Irish flute, & Connie McKenna: vocals & guitar.

Adults \$25, ages 12 and under \$10

Email: ccwr.secretary@gmail.com to reserve tickets or send check to parish office. Be sure to note 'concert' on the check.

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