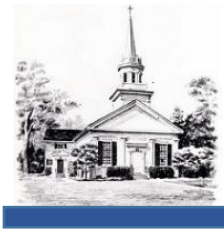

ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

These notes regarding the meaning and origin of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany are with thanks to the New Oxford American Dictionary.

> **Advent** – (Advent) the first season of the Christian church year, leading up to Christmas and including the four preceding Sundays. • (Advent) *Christian Theology* the coming or second coming of Christ. ORIGIN Old English, from Latin ***adventus*** 'arrival', from ***advenire***, from ***ad-***'to'+***venire*** 'come'.

Advent's dual focus on the first fulfillment of God's promise to personally save his people reminds us of God's promise to come among us again. That second coming is connected to the promise of "a new heaven and a new earth". It is a promise that all things will be "made new".

> **Christmas** – the annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth, held on December25 in the Western Church: • the period immediately before and after December 25: ORIGIN Old English *Crīstes mæsse* (see Christ, Mass).

All of the ways in which we choose to celebrate Christmas incarnationally express our joy and gratitude for that first coming of Emmanuel, God with us. It is worth remembering that how God chose to come among us and save us was completely unexpected. The birth of a baby to a poor family living in an occupied country, far from any of the important economic/military centers of the world should cause us to stop and think. How are we expecting Christ's return to look? Will he "come with the angels in the clouds of heaven" in a manner that allows for "and all eyes shall see him" or might we find ourselves surprised once more by God's choice of appearing?

> **Epiphany** – the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12). • the festival commemorating the Epiphany on January 6. • a manifestation of a divine or supernatural being. • a moment of sudden revelation or insight. ORIGIN Middle English: from Greek ***epiphainein*** 'reveal'. The sense relating to the Christian festival is via Old French ***epiphanie*** and ecclesiastical Latin ***epiphania***.

Our season of Epiphany invites us to seek for, and recognize, God's continuing presence in the world as we wait for Christ's return and the fullness of God's reign on earth as in heaven. Where and how do you experience God's continuing presence in your life? What is being "made new" in you? As we practice "the way of love" we find our priorities shifting – and we see God present and active in our daily lives and in our world. May these seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany enrich your relationship with the living Christ and fill your hearts with the joy and peace that can only come from the presence of God's Holy Spirit within you (and through you – in the world).

In Christ's love,
Ann+

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following individuals have been appointed by The Reverend Ann Kidder and approved by the Vestry to serve as the Nominating Committee for 2020 Vestry Positions:

Becky Everett (Chair)	Ron Lee	Sandra Redmond
Elise Bennett	Tom Matthews	

Junior Warden ***By Becky Everett***

I find it hard to believe we are entering the season of Advent! The older I get, the more time seems to just fly by! I hope that all of you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving! When I count all of my blessings, St. Christopher's and all of you are right at the top of my list!

I am also thankful for such a beautiful church like ours. After a very busy fall of landscaping, tree trimming etc., we are turning our attention to projects inside the building. Luis has started repainting the Guild Room, one wall at a time. This is a very time consuming project when done correctly. He is fitting this into his regular hours, so please be patient. The time it takes for this face lift will be well worth it when we see the completed work!

I would like to thank John and Nancy Irwin for contacting the Sacred Landmarks Committee/Cleveland Restoration Society who will be making a site visit to the church to discuss how to best maintain our beautiful, historic church and how they might be able to assist in this endeavor. We will k eep you up to date on this!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have. I'd like to wish each and every one of you a blessed Christmas season!

OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

New Directions provides individualized treatment for substance abusing adolescents and young adults and their families dealing with the consequences of that abuse. Their focus is on early treatment and prevention. They endeavor to get people back on track with their education, allowing them to continue their studies while they pursue their treatment in order to allow them to return to their regular school as soon as possible. They provide recovery schools, alternate peer groups, partial hospitalization, day treatment, short and long-term residence, and hospital inpatient and outpatient methadone and other drug treatment.

2019-2020 Guild Events

Jan 8	Museum of American Porcelain Art
Feb 12	Local Author Book Review
Mar 14/21	Lenten Meditation at Cleveland Museum of Art
Apr 24	Bargain Box
May	Lakeview Cemetery Gilded Age Tour

GUILD PROGRAM
DEC 11th 10AM

We will gather in Fellowship Hall for our annual making of the centerpieces for Holly Hill from festive Holiday Greens. Please join us!

Museum of American Porcelain Art

Opening in 2019, the Museum plays a unique role in preserving and promoting the porcelain art form that was created in America from the mid- to late-20th century.

The Museum is located on the former Telling estate in South Euclid, within a 26-room mansion that is now on the National Register of Historic Places and is also designated a Ohio Landmark.

The Guild will be carpooling from the church at 9AM, with a tour scheduled at 10AM and lunch following.

Thank you to all who have sent in their Planned Giving for 2020. If you haven't done so yet, please return your card as soon as possible so our vestry has the best information available when setting our budget for 2020! **There is a planned giving card in this newsletter** you can use if you do not have one! Thank you! And don't forget – you can give on line!

Alatis, M. Stacey
Alpers, Ms. Marcia
Barnes, Mr. William, IV (Will) & Mrs. Anne
Bennett, Mr. Lawrence (Larry) & Mrs. Elise C.
Bixler, Mr, Charles F., IV (Chuck) & Mrs. Donna
Bixler, Mrs.Virginia
Blossom, Mr. C. Perry & Mrs. Pamela (Pam)
Boswell, Mr. Louis (Lou) & Mrs. Helga
Butler, Mr. J. C. & Mrs. Helen
Chisholm, Mrs. Jane
Cicirello, Mr. Salvatore (Sal) & Mrs. Helen
Collister, Mr. Daniel (Dan) & Mrs. Lorinda (Rindy)
Conley, Ms. Sally K.
Currutt, Mr. Dennis & Mrs. Charlene
DeBaz, Dr. Baz & Mrs. Mona
Dickenson, Mr. David, II & Mrs. Frances
DiGeronimo, Diana
Eakin, Mr. Jeffery (Jeff) & Mrs. Judy
Everett, Morrie & Diana
Everett, Mr. Chandler P. & Mrs. Rebecca (Becky)
Everett, Virginia
Foltz, Miss Suzanne E.
Hargrave, Miss Janet T.
Hauserman, Mr. David (Dave) & Mrs. Darlene
Hellman, John
Henry, Mrs. Nicole (Nicki)
Holmes, Mr. Peter & Mrs. Judy
Hoyt, Doug & Cally
Kidder, The Rev. Ann & Mr. Theodore G. (Ted)
Klinginsmith, Michael (Mike) & Dr. Gretchen Fisher
LaMantia, Mr. James J. (Jim) & Mrs. Pamela (Pam)
Lee, Mr. Ron & Mrs. Cornelia
Lowe, Annette
Lytle, Ms. Lucy
Malm, Mrs. Tillie
Marston, Mr. Charles S. (Charley) & Mrs. Susan C.
Marting, Mr. Michael & Mrs. Leslie
Matthews, Mr. Thomas (Tom) & Mrs. Paulette
Mavec, Mr. Bruce & Mrs. Ellen
McMullen, Mr. Daniel J. & Mrs. Irene H.
Meyers, Mr. Edward (Ed) & Mrs. Frances (Fran)
Miller, Mrs. Barbara W. (Barb)
Miscko, Mr. Ronald (Ron) & Mrs. Carolyn E.
Mitchell, Mr. James A. & Mrs. Kathi J.
Negrelli, Mr. Donald (Don) & Mrs. Virginia (Gini)
Pender, Mr. James (Jim) & Mrs. Katherine (Kathy)
Pesuit, Mr. Craig & Mrs. Barb
Pistell, Mr.Timothy (Tim) & Mrs. Linda (Lynn)
Pucell, Mr. Anthony (Tony) & Ms. Christina (Chris)
Redmond, Sandra
Sarkisian, Mrs. Francine (Fran)
Thatcher, Mr. Peter B.
Thomas, Mr. Bruce & Mrs. Katherine W. (Kitty)
Treco, Mrs. Diana D.
Vail, Mr. Thomas V. H. Sr. (Tom) & Mrs. Iris
Ventimiglia, Ms. Linda
Vilas, Kathleen L. (Kathy)
Warren, Mr. Russell (Russ) & Mrs. Doris (Dori)
Webb, Ms. Linda
Wolf, Mr. David & Mrs. Alison

St. Christopher by-the-River 2020 Planned Giving

Name: _____ **Phone**: _____.

Address:_____ **Email**: _____.

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I am participating in the Stewardship Campaign this year and this is my Annual Donation amount $_____

(Total annual amount)

I will make my donation via:

On Line Giving
Check/Cash
Stock/Grant

The Frequency of my donation will be:

Weekly/Monthly
Quarterly
Annual Lump Sum

Office use only: Entered:_____ Ack sent:_____

HOW TO COPE WITH GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

(besides attending the Grief Group)

At St. Christopher's Church Tuesday, December 17th at 5:30 pm

Submitted by Kathy Pender

The holidays can be the most painful time of the year when you have experienced the loss of a loved one. An immense sorrow can surface around the time of Thanksgiving. Christmas music, holiday parties, festive decorations that are meant to bring joy can serve as painful reminders of one's loss. Like most people experiencing loss, the holiday season is the most painful time of all. Here time doesn't heal the pain associated with the loss; it's what you do with the pain. Here are some ideas that might help you:

1. Trust that grief is part of healing.
   - Time doesn't heal the pain associated with a loss. It's what you do with that time that matters.
   - Grief is a process by which you heal.
   - Experiencing the pain rather than trying to escape it will make you feel better in the long run.
   - Avoiding the pain only prolongs the anguish.

2. Set healthy boundaries
   - You don't have to force yourself to face every holiday event or tradition.
   - If attending a tree lighting ceremony or participating in the gift exchange brings painful memories be willing to say no.
   - You don't have to try and please everyone.

3. Focus on what you can control
   - There are a lot of things you cannot control. Christmas music in the waiting room or overhearing your coworkers talking about holiday plans. While you can't prevent those things there are things you can control.
   - You can limit your own holiday decorations or your own Christmas shopping.
   - Keep in mind that life goes on for other people.

4. Plan Ahead
   - Figure out how to get through the holidays.
   - Plan to leave events early. Take your own car and leave early.

5. Allow yourself the full range of emotions
   - Do not judge yourself but let your feelings go - your emotions are normal.

6. Honor your Loved One and the Memories
   - Create a special way to memorialize the person you've lost .

7. Create New Traditions
   - You can alter old traditions and add new traditions

8. Do something Kind for Others

9. Ask for Help
   - Don't be afraid to ask for help when you are struggling with the holidays

For those experiencing grief, loss or hardship, the Christmas season is far from the most wonderful time of the year. Typical holiday festivities—merry carol singing, decorating, gathering with family in purchasing gifts, emphasize joy and cheer, and little room for pain and grief.

In response some churches offer a special service leading up to Christmas that accommodate those for whom the season is trying and difficult. This service called **Blue Christmas** emphasizes the pain of loss felt by many at this time of year and offers a somber, gentle space to gather.

Symbolically, many of the services are held on or around December 21, the date of the winter Solstice, the longest night of the year.

The service is very important to many, as it gives them permission to grieve openly, offers hope and comfort—consolation that they are not alone in their grief—and that others care. It is a quiet time for meditation and reflection.

The service is open to anyone who needs it regardless of denomination. It can be any kind of loss that one is grieving- A loss of a child, loss of a job, loss of a marriage--- a loss that creates a hole in our life

Grieving with others is so valuable because one will be offered empathy, comfort, prayer, scripture, and temporary or long-term relationship.

Please join us at **St Christopher's at 5:00 pm on December 21st for the BLUE CHRISTMAS service.**

"Come to me all who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28

If you have questions, please call Mother Ann or Kathy Pender

Christmas Pageant 2019!!!

Calling all families, especially children of St. Christopher's!! Our annual Christmas Pageant is **Sunday, December 22, 2019 during the 10:15 a.m. worship service.** Participants are required to report for costume fitting and rehearsal no later than 9:15 a.m. on Dec. 22nd.

There is also a mandatory rehearsal for all on Saturday, December 21 at 10:30. We hope to have a one-hour rehearsal and final costume fitting on that day. We welcome parents and grandparents to also participate and assist in the behind the scenes activity. Please email Peggy Reda at prseverin@aol.com or call at 440-773-2518 if you have any questions.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE STARTS JANUARY 5th 2020
NEW TIME FOR YOUNGER CLASS ONLY!!

To facilitate the hectic schedules of families with younger children, we are experimenting with a later start time for Mrs. Reda's and Mrs. Matthews' class. Class will begin promptly at 10 a.m. in the classroom upstairs by the elevator.

The older class will continue their schedule of start time at 9 a.m. in the classroom upstairs, as usual. Mrs. Cole is looking forward to seeing everyone also.

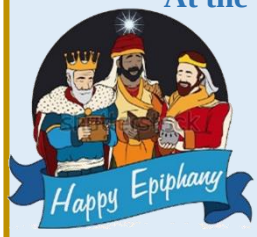
Miss Melanie's Nursery is at the normal time of 10. a.m.

Christmas Blessings to all from Mrs. Cole. Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Reda and Miss Melanie!!!

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

January 5, 2020, 4-7 PM

At the Costello home.



Please RSVP to Cindy at 561-254-4112. A max of 60 can be accommodated, so please be sure to RSVP.

Food, Soft Drinks, mixers and white wine will be provided. Feel free to BYOB.

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

In November, the guild filled backpacks to donate to West Side Shared Ministries.

We also got a much needed tree trimming and removal completed. Thank you to Van Curen Tree Services!

Thank you to all of our 2019 Sunday Flower donors!

As a reminder, flower payments can be made online, but if you are not scheduled to be a Sunday flower donor and would like to donate Sunday flowers, please contact the office first.

Brian & Cindy Murphy
Frances & David Dickenson
Lily & Anna Klinginsmith
Bruce & Kitty Thomas
Jim & Kathy Pender
Becky & Chandler Everett
Dede Storer
Larry & Mary Murray
Linda Webb
Jean & Ted Ramsey
Larry & Elise Bennett
Janet T. Hargrave
Thomas & Mary Holmes
Sue & Charley Marston
Paulette & Tom Matthews
Peter Hellman
Diana Treco
Ron & Carolyn Miscko
Beth Miller
Annette Lowe
Hal Jones (Peter)
Kathy Vilas
Jean & Tucker Marston
Darlene & David Hauserman
Marcia Alpers
Ed & Frances Meyers
Leslie & Michael Marting
Don & Gini Negrelli
Tim Scott
Randy & Debbie Cole
Sally Conley
Sal & Helen Cicirello
Jane & Ramon Battles
Stuart Bates
Linda & Cindy Costello
Tillie Malm
Polly Bixler
Baz & Mona DeBaz
Jeff & Judy Eakin
Kurt & Mary Anne Liljedahl
Charley & Sue Marston
Leslie & Michael Marting
Ron & Carolyn Miscko
John & Nancy Irwin
Thomas & Iris Vail
Dan & Courtney Schmidt
Whitney Jones

COMING UP…

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: This year we will have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd

ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, March 1st. There will be one service on this Sunday.

WINTER CONVOCATION: February 7-8, 2020, Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Sandusky

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

***Saturday,** December 28th- **2:00 PM and 4:30 PM, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral**.* Join us in celebrating the 57th presentation of this one hour Christmas festival done with an Elizabethan slant. Celebrate the Light of Christ coming into the world through music, scent, color and pageantry. www.boarsheadcleveland.org

Birthdays

DECEMBER

1 Daniel Broome
4 Stephen Miscko
5 Rindy Collister
7 Kate Lamantia
Presley Lammers
8 Avery Alatis
Rosalie Della Ratta
Nicki Henry
9 Irene McMullen
Luci Schey-Spring
10 Bill McCoy
14 Emily Morris
17 Keri Osolin
18 Judy Pace
20 Linda Ventimiglia
22 Clara Butler
23 Marilyn Fisher
31 Liz Russo

JANUARY

1 Tyler Wright
3 Rik Bole
Griffin Butler
Tony Lammers
5 Margaret Douglas
7 Becky Everett
8 Tom Holmes
9 Finn Johnson
11 Jim Pender
19 Tim Scott
21 Ellile Johnson
22 Chandler Everett
23 Mary Bole
25 Brian Murphy
29 Betsy Wright
30 Peggy Reda

Food Pantry
DECEMBER

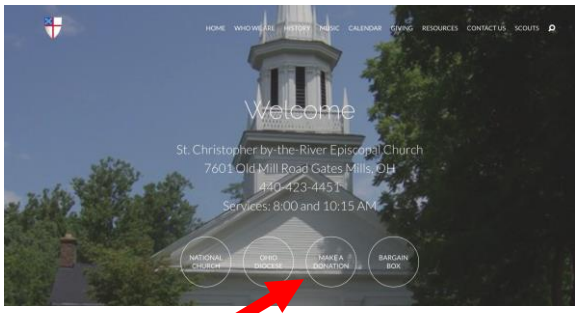
We are collecting

Men's Hats, Gloves and Socks

Food Pantry
JANUARY

We are collecting
Canned meats
Ham/ Chicken
Stew/ Chili
Tuna/ Salmon
Beans

Easy E-Giving



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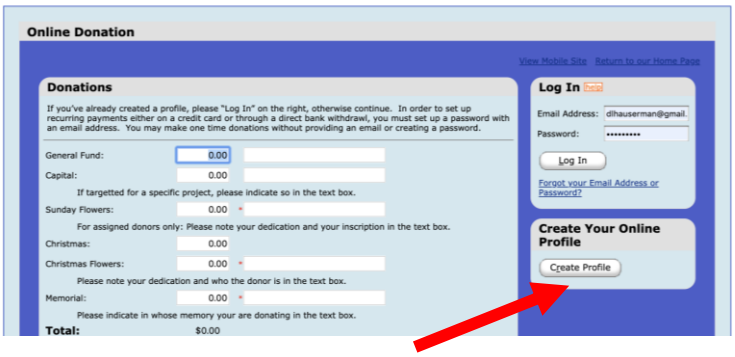

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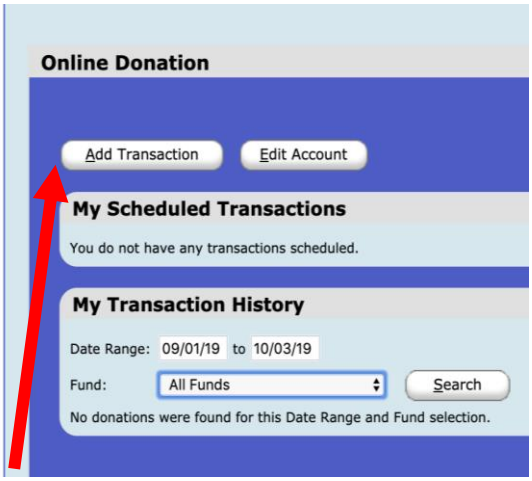

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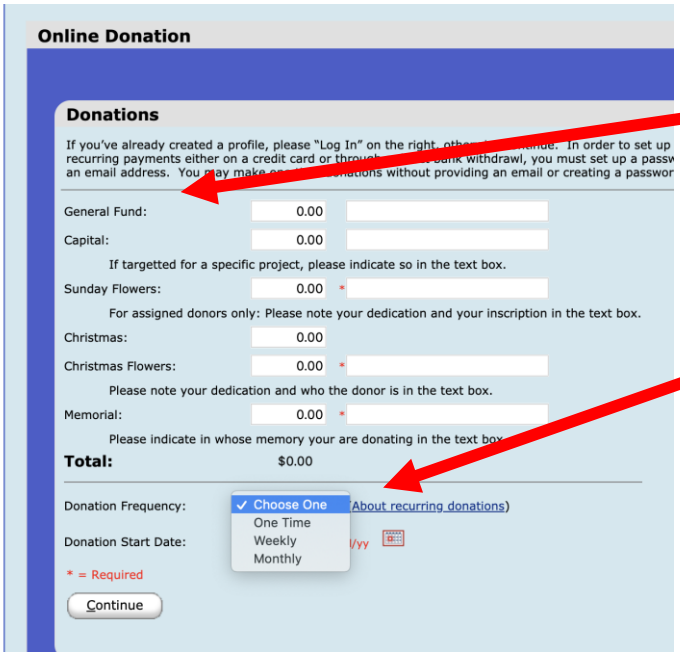

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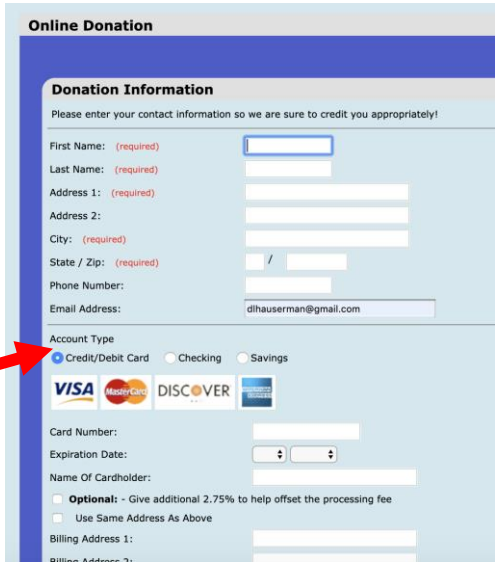

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ROTA

December 8th

8:00 EM: Fran Meyers
LR: Teri Ianni
AG: Sue Marston

10:15 EM: Dale Gnandt
LR: Becky Everett
AG: Carolyn Miscko
Ushers: Ron & Neal Lee
Hospitality: Jean Ramsey & Lindsey McMillion

December 15th

8:00 EM: Charley Marston
LR: Sandra Redmond
AG: Rosalie Della Ratta

10:15 EM: Beth Miller
LR: Kathy Pender & Tom Holmes
AG: Neal Lee
Ushers: Kurt Liljedahl
Hospitality: Kathy Pender & Laura Cotton

December 22nd

8:00 EM: Melanie Reda
LR: Teri Ianni
AG: Renee Kolecki

10:15 EM: Dale Gnandt
LR: Jean Ramsey &Becky Everett
AG: Darlene Hauserman
Ushers: David & Darlene Hauserman
Hospitality: Becky Everett & Lucy Lytle

December 24th

8:00 PM EM:John Irwin
LR: Darlene & David Hauserman
AG: Mary Murray

December 29th – Morning Prayer

8:00 Lay readers: Charley Marston & Peter Batcheller
LR: Fran Meyers
AG: Teri Ianni

10:15 Lay Readers: Randy Cole & John Irwin
LR: Chandler Everett & Judy Holmes
AG: Nicki Henry & Loni Todd-Lorenz
Ushers: Peter Batcheller
Hospitality: Janet Hargrave & Rosalie Della Ratta

January 5th – Morning Prayer

8:00 Lay Readers: Peter Batcheller & Charley Marston
LR: Kitty Thomas
AG: Sue Marston

10:15 Lay Readers: John Irwin & Randy Cole
LR: Tom Matthews & Mary Holmes
AG: Neal Lee
Ushers: Brian Wright & Rik Bole
Hospitality: Charlene Currutt & Mary Holmes

January 12th

8:00 EM: Fran Meyers
LR: Kitty Thomas
AG: Sally Conley

10:15 EM: Peter Batcheller
LR: Chris Pucell & Courtney Schmidt
AG: Marcia Alpers
Ushers: Ron & Neal Lee
Hospitality: Chris Pucell & Tillie Malm

January 19th

8:00 EM: Melanie Reda
LR: Sandra Redmond
AG: Rosalie Della Ratta

10:15 EM: Beth Miller
LR: Victoria Connell & Mona DeBaz
AG: TBA
Ushers: Kurt Liljedahl
Hospitality: Nancy Irwin & Mary Murray

January 26th

8:00 EM: Fran Meyers
LR: Teri Ianni
AG: Teri Ianni

10:15 EM: Dale Gnandt
LR: Kathy Pender & Neal Lee
AG: Jean Ramsey
Ushers: David & Darlene Hauserman
Hospitality: Jean Ramsey & Sandra Redmond

Vestry 2019

John Irwin	Senior Warden
Becky Everett	Junior Warden
Irene McMullen	Clerk
Mary Murray	Treasurer

Class of 2021
Elise Bennett, David Hauserman, Sean McMillion

Class of 2020
Becky Everett, Mary Murray, James Pender

Class of 2019
Mary Holmes, John Irwin, Irene McMullen

Northeast Mission Area Council Representatives
Peter Batcheller, 2019
Linda Webb. 2019

Volunteer Opportunities

Blessed Are We Dinner
Friday, December 20th & January 17th
Meet at St. Christopher's at 4PM
Contact the office if you plan to help out.

Food Pantry
Saturday, December 21st & January 18th
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Call the office if you wish to volunteer.

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter
Serve Lunch.
Wednesday, December 18th & January 15th
Look for May Sign ups on the bulletin board.
All welcome. Carpool leaves at 11:00 sharp!

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Advent I 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Handchime 9:30 am Choir 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	**2** 9-11 AM Stephen Ministry	**3** 5:30 PM Grief Group	**4** 10 AM Guild Board Meeting 6 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Choir	**5** 5 PM Evening Prayer 8 PM Riverside AA	**6** 5:00 PM Rehearsal	**7** 4:30 PM Wedding
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29 Christmas I 8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Morning Prayer	**30**	**31** 		FOOD BANK Mens gloves, hats & socks		

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Canned meats/stews/beans 			**1** **Office Closed** 	**2** 8 PM Riverside AA	**3**	**4**
5 Christmas II 8 am Morning Prayer 9:30 am Choir 10 am Nursery 10:15 am Morning Prayer **4-7 Epiphany Celebration at Costello Residence. RSVP required.**	**6** 	**7**	**8** **Mother Ann at Fresh Start** **10 AM Guild Visit to Porcelain Museum** **6 PM Cub Scouts**	**9** **5 PM Evening Prayer** 8 PM Riverside AA	**10**	**11**
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The Rev. Ann Kidder, Rector
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Sunday Services
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 a.m. Nursery Care for 10:15 service
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Parish Office
Open T-W-TH 8:30-2:30
440-423-4451
stchrisbytheriver@gmail.com

December 2019 – January 2020 Newsletter

NURSERY CARE
10 am-11:30 am for Ages 0-4

Sunday, December 8th – II Advent
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, December 15th – III Advent
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Advent Lessons & Hymns

Sunday, December 22nd – IV Advent
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 21st, 5 pm.
Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 29th – I Christmas
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

St. Christopher by-the-River
We welcome you to join us:

December 24th – Christmas Eve

3:30 PM	Family Vespers *Bring Mittens, Hats, and socks for the Manger*
4:15 PM	Santa & Bonfire (Village Polo Fields)
7:30 PM	Organ & Choir Prelude Concert
8:00 PM	Festive Eucharist with Choir & Carols

NO SERVICES ON DECEMBER 25th