



The Good News Weekly

November 23, 2014



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Week at a Glance

- 11/24 Monday: **Staff Meeting** at 3:00 p.m.
- 11/25 Tuesday: **Youth Choir** at 5:15 p.m.
- 11/26 Wednesday: **Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.
- 11/27 Thursday: Thanksgiving Day - Office closed
- 11/28 Friday - Church office closed
- 11/30 Sunday: **Voice Choir** at 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Christ Church at 9:30 a.m.
After the service join us for
- * **Coffee** in the parlor
 - * **Advent Wreath Making**
 - * **Backpack Packing**
- 11/30 **Worship** at St. Barnabas at 5:30 p.m.

This and That

- **Thank you to Dick Clovis and Lyle Blake who spent Monday changing light bulbs, fixing door locks and many other tasks around the church.**
- **Some highlights from the 137th Diocesan Convention**
 - +A positive increase from our Diocesan Investments**
 - +Passage of a balanced budget for the coming year**
 - +No change in missionary apportionments**
 - +Passage of a resolution to appoint a Task Force to examine how to reinvigorate our Diocesan Camp ministry**
- **To date we have received 26 pledges and 14 of those pledging have increased their giving for 2015. Thank you!**
- **We will be printing our very own Advent reflection booklet this year. They will be available next Sunday.**

Bringing Joy to others

We have wonderful plans throughout this Holy season to share blessings upon blessings with others.

Thanks to Tom and Susan Walsh we have 10 Thanksgiving Baskets ready to share with families in the community

The Advent tree is up with ornaments on it. Pick an ornament and buy the item. Return it to the Church by December 14th. These items will be given to ETE (formerly The Sheltered Workshop) to share with their clients.

Through our Outreach Fund we will help a family from the Mission move into their first apartment and get them off to a brand new year in a home.



... knowing, living, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Join us through Advent for Thankful Tuesdays

will begin December 2, 2014

5:30 Dinner
6:00 Youth Choir Practice
6:15 Adult Activity

Adult Activities at Thankful Tuesdays

December 2 - Making Advent count
December 9 and 16 - book discussion
of *The Handmaid and the Carpenter*

Book Availability

Beginning about December 1
We will have 10 copies of the book to
loan The books can be checked out at
Christ Church

Serving Ministries for November 30, 2014

9:30 a.m. at Christ Church

Chalicerist / Lector: Jody Morse
Ushers : Ben Hardesty & Zac Steed
Crucifer: Marlee Smith
Altar Guild: Jean Hardesty and Pam Riggs

10:45 a.m. Christian Education

Intergenerational Advent Wreath making today

5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas

Lector / Chalicerist: Beth Sickles
Altar Guild: Beth Sickles
Usher : Doyle Sickles

Advent Retreat

led by The Rev. Dr. Francis H Wade

Saturday, December 6

9:00 a.m. breakfast

10:00 a.m. to noon retreat

* Save the date

* Invite family and friends

* Call church office and let Beth Ann
if you plan to attend the breakfast

The Rev. Dr. Francis H.
Wade, now retired, was
formerly the rector of St.
Alban's Episcopal Church on
the grounds of the National
Cathedral in Washington,
DC.



Important December Dates

- December 6 - Advent Retreat
Saturday morning 9:00 a.m. to noon
- December 8- Vestry Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- December 12 and 13 - Holiday Bazaar
Friday 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. with lunch
Saturday 9:00 a.m.—noon with breakfast
- December 14 - Annual Meeting following a
combined service at 9:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling with the Youth
Choir
- December 21 - Christmas Pageant at 9:30
a.m. service
- December 22—Altar Guilds will be greening
the Churches
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Services
5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
7:30 p.m. at Christ Church
- December 25 - Christmas Day Service
9:30 a.m.
- December 28—Services of Lessons and Carols