

THE MESSENGER

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From the Rector

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Our Vision:

Church of the Messiah seeks to be an inviting, welcoming and compassionate Christian community, nurturing spiritual growth through the Word, our actions, and gifts; thereby inspiring and uniting people to be examples of Christ's love.

Imagining our Future – Where we are with the Possibilities

The following article combines the text from the Parish Hall Renovation update presentation delivered by Father Keith and Sr. Warden Dave Prezuhy during both services on Sunday November 10, 2019.

We worship a God of change, a God of renewal and transformation. All of Scripture reveals that the God we worship is not committed to maintaining the status quo, not happy with stagnation or preservation, but always involved in ongoing acts of creation. We see this throughout the scriptural record, beginning with the Creation story in Genesis where God, out of a formless void, out of nothing, creates everything. He called a rag-tag group of slaves out of Egypt and formed them into His chosen people, his adopted children. And he gave his only Son that we might gain an entrance into new and eternal life. We see evidence God's continuing creative acts in these awesome "big picture" events, as well as in countless daily occurrences within our own lives.

For over 150 years, Church of the Messiah has been abundantly blessed. Throughout these years of worship and ministry, our greatest assets have been, first of all, Messiah's people – the individuals and families God has led through these doors and formed into a community of faith; and the other blessing is these eight acres of land and lovely, historic buildings that have been handed down to us to call our church home. People and property are the greatest blessings God has given to us, Church of the Messiah. And, as has been done in the past, it is now our responsibility to care for these assets and use them to further God's work. To every generation, roughly every thirty years, a major renovation project falls: in the late 1950's, it was the construction of the current Parish Hall; and in the 1990's, it was the expansion of the church sanctuary. And now it is our turn. We are now called to be good stewards of the blessings God has granted us here in this place.

Biology teaches us that organisms that refuse to evolve, to change and adapt to changing environments, are guaranteed one fate: death. All living bodies – individually, and collectively – must continually assess and adapt to changing situations. As the Church, the living Body of Christ, we are no different. But unlike other organizations which often face their unknown future with fear and dread, we can enter into change with faith and hope, confident in the knowledge that God will be with us and guide us in our endeavors.

In 2018, Church of the Messiah's 150th anniversary, we, as a congregation, engaged in an exercise wherein each one of us was encouraged to imagine our future. Out of that exercise, several initiatives were named. Thank you to everyone who participated in the surveys, and those who helped in refining and narrowing the various possibilities, as well as those who met with diocesan representatives to solicit their views and draw on the experiences of other congregations.

The renovation of our Parish Hall building was a priority item on many parishioner's lists. Our purpose in today's presentation is to inform you as to where we may be headed and what are the possibilities. For the past year, a small team has been working. Members of the team, in addition to myself, have been our wardens, Dave Prezuhy and Jean London. Other members of the team include Karen Givnish, who through her business as a successful interior designer brings a wealth of experience in working with architects and contractors; and Marv Walters, who has managed the annual maintenance, repairs and upkeep of our church property for many years.

Today we are going to give a quick update on "Imagining our Future", the work done so far and some proposed next steps. Let's start with a little background.

In the fall of 2017, as a part of our stewardship campaign and our 150th anniversary, we asked everyone in the congregation to Imagine the Future for the Church of the Messiah. We asked each of you to provide your ideas, suggestions and vision for our church in the coming years. In the spring of 2018, the vestry met to review these ideas and started to formulate a strategic plan.

Most of the ideas centered on improving, repairing

and remodeling our church buildings and property with an extra focus on improvements to the parish hall. The goal of these improvements beyond regular maintenance would be to enable us to create additional revenue streams to support the yearly budget and future capital improvements.

In addition, there was an emphasis on updating the parish hall kitchen and improvements to address safety and ADA issues like adding additional handicapped parking spaces.

So, what has been done to date? We have met multiple times over the past year and a half with the diocesan mission, financial and property leadership. They have provided us with valuable insight from their experiences with other churches and made some short-term suggestions to address items like repairing the driveway entrance and

investigating additional rental opportunities using existing space in the parish hall. They also challenged us to consider an architectural review and look for improvements that would facilitate new uses and potential for



additional revenue.

The bottom line was that we are not unique. A lot of the churches in the diocese are in the same position and are exploring similar possibilities. The common feedback from all; was "you have a beautiful property and buildings with a lot of potential to bring people to church, not only on Sunday but throughout the week". The real question to answer was how we continue to be good stewards of what we have been given and continue to find ways to update, adapt and evolve these resources to support the mission of our church.

As we continued our work, we explored these ideas from a couple of perspectives: **Maintain and Rethink.**

So, what do we mean by maintain? As a reminder our operating budget includes a line item for repairs each year. Over the last two years this has included the completion of improvements to the driveway entrance, adding additional handicap spaces, and replacing slate with concrete steps on the patio and crosswalk to the parish hall. It also includes less visible and less glamorous items like the need to replace two large aging water valves in the church this year.

On the rethink side we have focused on the parish hall which has remained relatively unchanged since 1960. How do we use our space and update it to support our current mission and add new capabilities to enhance our needs and the needs of the community around us, not just for today but for the future?

The key areas identified to address include a refresh of the Guild Room and Parish Hall, and update of the kitchen and restrooms.

The list of things that are needed do not come as a surprise to anyone, but we looked at these from the perspective of their potential to generate income through regular leases and from overall increase in utilization of our space. As a first step, we have completed work to renew and formalize our relationships with Kids Unlimited, Harmony Theater and many of the community groups we host. In addition, we have made changes to the rooms upstairs in the parish hall to open space in anticipation of additional rental opportunities.

As we explored ideas for new opportunities, we had several discussions with the William Penn Inn. As some of you may recall the William Penn Inn had approached us approximately 20 years ago about the possibility of renting space for events. When we met with Peter Friedrich and Brian his operations manager, they were very receptive to the idea of working with us and enthusiastically envisioned how they could use our guild room for funeral receptions and other events and could also see future uses for the parish hall. They both provided valuable insight to needed updates from

a business and practical perspective. This was very encouraging.

Based on our work and discussions with the diocese, as well as, with existing and potential partners we have developed a proposed phase I set of improvements to the guild room. The updates would include new flooring, window treatments, chairs and paint along with the installation of air conditioning. Initial quotes for this work are in the range of 45 to 50 thousand dollars.

From these improvements we expect several benefits. First, we get a long overdue update to the guild room and the room could generate additional rental income from William Penn Inn events. As we move forward, these improvements would create a more inviting and attractive space for our own use and for parishioner events, as well as exploring opportunities for new rental income with groups from the surrounding community.

Phase I would also give us the much-needed start to learn what it takes to manage a larger number of events and how to scale this capability in the future. It would also address one of the original goals which was to make improvements beyond regular maintenance that would create additional revenue streams to support yearly budget and future capital improvements.

Finally, in our discussion with diocesan leadership they encouraged us to not underestimate the value of having a vibrant space to increase the number of people who visit and use our space on a weekly basis. You never know how you might touch a person, encourage them to attend church, to learn more about our community, and to engage in fulfilling one of our ministries. All of which plays a key part in building and growing our mission as a church.

In closing, “what are our next steps?” The vestry is tasked with deciding how to move forward with the phases of this project and determine how best to allocate resources to ensure its successful completion. But first, they need to hear from you, the parishioners. We encourage you to use the Questions form you have been given to record your thoughts and questions so we can capture your views. And if you have experience as a project manager or grant writing, or if you have other experiences and skills you think would be helpful and

wish to participate in any way with this project, please let us know. Over coffee following the service, members of the renovation team, as well members of the vestry, will be available to receive your written comments, along with engaging in conversation concerning what you have heard presented this morning. In the weeks and months ahead, we will continue to keep you updated as we move forward.

Nerdy News

WEBSITE UPDATE

The 2019 Parish Directory is now available on our website at www.messiahgwynedd.org. From the homepage select “Resources” then “2019 Parish Directory” and enter Messiah1001 at the “Guest Area” screen to view or download.

Church of the Messiah has a 4.8 star rating on Google

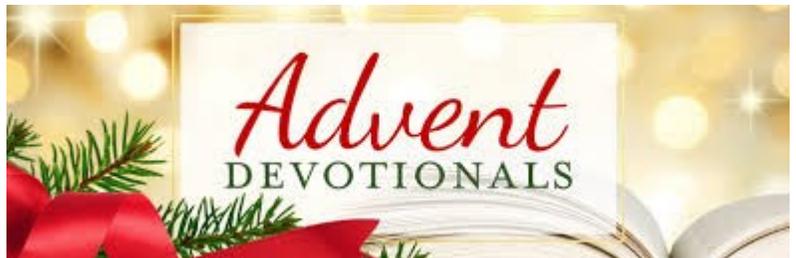


Did you know that 25,394 people found Church of the Messiah on Google in October? Here are the top search queries used to find us were: **messiah** used by 179 people, **church of the messiah** used by 40 people, and **churches near me** used by 24 people.

Not only *that* but: 134 people **asked for directions**, 75 people **visited our website**, and 10 people **called us**.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas, begins Sunday, December 1st. With its many demands, these weeks can easily become so filled with activity and stress, that it is easy to lose sight of the real meaning of the season – that



being one of expectancy and preparation to once again celebrate the birth of Jesus. Plan to set aside some time each day to step away from the hustle and bustle of these days and allow yourself some time for quiet reflection, meditation and prayer. One way to focus your attention is through daily reading of scripture and commentary. A variety of books are available in the narthex that you might find helpful. Have a look at these resources for focusing your Advent devotions and preparing for the great gift that is Christmas.

ADULT MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA

For a week in January, the 18th through the 25th, eighteen members of Messiah will travel to Guatemala for the first annual Messiah mission for the adults of the parish. Many of the poorest rural villagers in that country still cook over open fires, requiring the daily gathering of firewood and exposing individuals, especially women and children, to severe burns. And the lack of clean water results in many people suffering from the effects of water-borne chronic health conditions.



In answer to these pressing needs, the members of Messiah's mission team will build stoves and install water filtration systems in villagers' homes, greatly improving the lives of these families.

Please keep the members of the mission team in your prayers, as well as the families whose lives will be enriched through their work. Upon their return, they will be sharing their experiences with the parish.

AND THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

Through your generosity, we have raised funding that will be used for the raw materials for the stoves and water systems. These funds have been forwarded to Adventures in Mission, the ministerial agency organizing the trip, to purchase the materials needed for the team to accomplish the work assigned. Donations provided enough materials to be bought to furnish 35 homes with stoves and water systems! What a blessing you have given these families! Thank you!



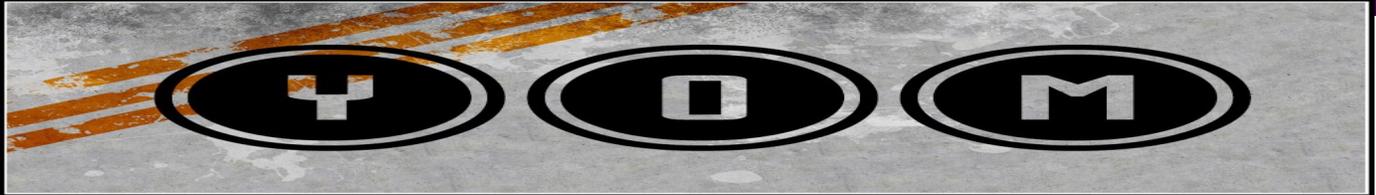
DECORATING THE CHURCH

"Many hands make light work!" goes the old saying, and experience bears out the truth of that statement. In order to once again prepare the church for Christmas, we need your help.

On **Saturday morning, December 21st**, beginning at 9:00am, we will decorate the exterior of the church – hanging wreaths, decorating the light poles, etc. Coffee and donuts will be provided to keep up your energy!

And on **Sunday, December 22nd**, following the Church School pageant, we will concentrate our efforts on the interior spaces of the church.

Any time or help you can give will be greatly appreciated



This month at YOM we are talking about how we define the word “church”. When we asked our teens, most of them were probably wondering if it were a serious question. Who doesn’t know what a church is among our group, right? Most of the responses were things such as; it’s a building, a place we worship, somewhere we learn about God, a place we pray, etc. In a literal definition, we would say that it is a physical structure in which we worship or practice our faith. However, the following verse from Ephesians tells us *another definition*:

“Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him



you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:20-22

The Church isn’t a building, or a program, or a ministry, or even a place. It’s a gathering of people who come together to worship a living God and to learn about and live out the teachings of Jesus. The Church with a capital “C” refers to us, God’s faithful followers.

Throughout the next few YOM meetings we will be looking at how The Church began, and how we are entrusted to continue it.

Last month we kicked off another annual Share the Warmth clothing drive. We were overwhelmed by the amount of support we received from you all at Messiah! Our ministry spent a bit of time getting ready for our service project and sorted through a ton of donations. The last several years we have run this collection and it has been a very success-

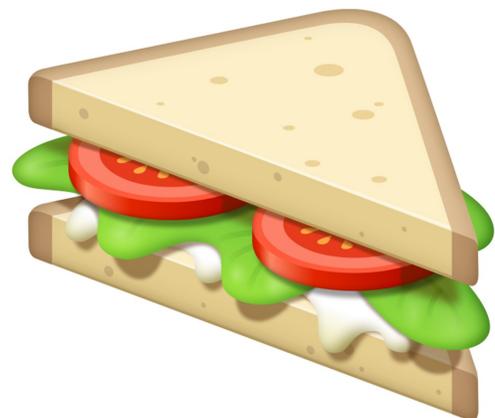


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ful. It has become a ministry opportunity our teens look forward to each year. We feel that this opportunity really has an impact on both our teens and those we are

ministering to by making a connection face to face. This year we passed out clothing to people within the Center City area and throughout the subways. We had so many donations we also ended up bringing additional bags to local shelters and charities. Our ministry efforts really would not have been successful without so much support from our Messiah family so, Thank You for all of your support!

We also have another ministry opportunity coming up in January we are looking forward to. On Sunday, January 5th we will be joining Manna on



Main Street in Lansdale to help serve brunch. In our youth ministry we find that there are opportunities to serve everywhere we go, but we are looking forward to serving at a local level to those within our own community.

— Dave Reichley, Director of Family Ministries, Youth

OFFICE CLOSING for the Holidays

The parish offices will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays from Monday, December 23rd, through Friday, January 3rd. During those weeks, the office phones will be checked periodically for messages. For urgent matters, please contact the Rector on his cell phone: 215-692-2667. The office will resume normal business hours on Monday, January 6th.



2019 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

First, Second & Third Sundays of Advent - December 1, 8 & 15

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:30am Holy Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:30am Advent Lessons & Carols

followed by Church School Christmas Pageant in the Parish Hall; light lunch served

Christmas Eve

4:30pm Family Christmas Celebration

A high-energy, joyous (and usually boisterous!) beginning to the Christmas season: familiar carols, the Nativity story and building of the crèche, 'kid-friendly' prayers, and a somewhat shorter liturgy

7:00pm Traditional Christmas Eucharist

A festive celebration of the Great Feast of the Nativity, with the Chancel Choir offering their talents and gifts to help us joyously announce and celebrate the birth of the Messiah

Christmas Day

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Enter into the quiet, meditative beauty of Christmas morning with a reflective celebration of the truth and hope and promise born in Jesus Christ

First Sunday In Christmas - December 29 **Note: ONLY ONE SERVICE THIS DAY!**

9:30am Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist: A Celebration of Thanksgiving and Hope for the New Year

Champagne and croissants as the Eucharistic meal mark the special joy and privilege of standing at the *threshold of another year, followed by a festive Coffee Hour in the Narthex.*

* No nursery or Church School this day.

Second Sunday After Christmas - January 5

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:30am Holy Eucharist with King's Cake celebration *Note: No Church School or nursery this day.*

Baptism of our Lord - January 12

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:30am Holy Eucharist with Kings Cake celebration following

The entrance of the three Kings closes the Nativity story and opens our Season of Light *followed by the beginning of Messiah's own Season of Carnivale with traditional King Cake* *Note: No Church School or nursery this day.*



Bertucci's

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Children and Faith During the Advent Season

Now that the leaves have fallen, leaving most of the branches outside my window bare, I have a clear view of the group of squirrels who call the tree home. During the summer while I'm out walking with kids, they'll always point out the silly squirrels running up and down the tree trunks or we'll hear a rustle of leaves overhead. But I have never paid much attention to how much skill-or faith it takes for them to jump from limb to limb. I can see them fly without a second thought, knowing that the next branch will be there to catch them. I can only imagine how many jumps they take in a day, and I never once found a squirrel outside on the lawn after missing a branch. It makes me wonder how many times in my life I've questioned myself as well as God's plan for me before taking a leap of faith. And as Advent arrives it makes me think about how much faith was involved in the Christmas story. The story begins with magnanimous level of trust that Mary and Joseph had in the Lord's plan for themselves and the miracle baby that was about to be born. They had enough faith to embark on a journey that landed them in a humble stable surrounded by animals. The shepherds and wise men then followed, letting their faith guide them to the most unlikely savior the world could receive. The image that we recreate year after year: a doting mother, a gentle father, a star ablaze in the sky. Shepherds quickly gathering their sheep, their hearts fluttering in anticipation of finally meeting their savior. Later, a group of learned astrologers studying the stars and choosing to make a journey to find the prophesied Jewish savior. Meanwhile, the King of the world slept on in a manger. Now that our newborn King has become our savior through death and resurrection, we still celebrate his beautiful birth story each year. And it really is an incredible story of faith.

This Advent season we will be talking a lot about faith in Church School. We will not only learn about the faith of all of those involved in the Christmas story, but also about the role that our own faith can play in

each of our own Christmas stories. It is so easy for Children to get overloaded with thoughts of presents and Christmas lists, but in the midst of all the Christmas craziness, we can still give them a spiritual role. We really encourage children to join us on Sundays during the Advent season so we can travel our faith journeys together. My hope is that they may all get to the point of jumping branch to branch with unwavering faith!

Throughout December, we will also be preparing for our **annual Christmas pageant on December 22 following the 9:30 service**. We would really like all the children to participate as a way to share a little slice of the advent story with the parish through the eyes of children. It's also lots of fun!! Please join us afterwards for a light luncheon and fellowship.



This year we also have a special opportunity to share our Christmas cheer with the residents of the Normandy Farms assisted living community. On December 7, families will be meeting at Normandy Farms at 2:00. While there, we will be sharing a snack with the residents and sitting with them to visit and make a Christmas craft together. Last year the residents really appreciated our company and are excited for us to come back!!

I really hope that we can get as many families to join in our activities this year. Please reach out if you have any questions!

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed Advent season,

—Tiffany Reichley, Director of Children's Ministries



People and Transitions

December and January Birthdays

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Ginny Oldt
 12/2 Diane Stinson
 12/3 John Skorny
 12/4 MaryJo Melberger
 12/5 Bill Jacobs
 12/6 Sue Phillips
 12/8 John Sprouse
 12/11 Jake Zelner
 12/12 Beth Patruno
 12/12 Craig Zelner
 12/15 Jean Wood
 12/15 Walt Unangst
 12/16 Barbara Haley
 12/17 Nicholas Poulin
 12/18 Chris Bennett
 12/18 Brian Martin
 12/18 John Long
 12/19 William Gast
 12/19 Jack Wertz
 12/21 Bill Palen
 12/22 Dick March
 12/22 Nicholas Trigone
 12/23 Sandy Mellish
 12/24 Carol Huston
 12/24 Tabb Champlin
 12/24 Jarred Gardner
 12/28 Chris Clayton
 12/29 Hugh Sargent
 12/29 Rob Ryan
 12/29 Rose Vollmar
 12/30 Jean Alderfer-Troster
 12/31 Charlotte Rogenmuser

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Sara Sablosky
 1/1 Jane Herron
 1/2 Maddie Merritt
 1/3 Alexander Ryan
 1/5 Ruth Beury
 1/5 Nancy Handrich
 1/5 Mark Wicklund
 1/6 Bren Weir
 1/7 Wes Shirk
 1/7 Joy Shoop
 1/8 Donald Buchecker
 1/8 Mike Linn
 1/8 Andrew Stinson
 1/9 Ann Cook
 1/10 Hannah Albrecht
 1/10 Audrey Kriebel
 1/12 Eileen Patram
 1/13 Carol Bove
 1/13 Shirley Powell-Cohen
 1/13 Jay Butt
 1/14 Fran Bruno
 1/15 Deb Casey
 1/16 Laura Biehl
 1/16 Matt Boldt
 1/16 Beverly Case
 1/16 Jeanne Ludlow-Bergin
 1/16 Ryleigh Lilly
 1/16 Cari Bastress
 1/17 Drew Hautzinger
 1/18 Brian Kaelin
 1/18 Shawn Zelner
 1/19 Cathy Wallace

1/19 Brett Baker
 1/19 Ellie Kriebel
 1/20 John Bergin
 1/21 Gary Pickell
 1/24 Clinton Ely
 1/24 James Snyder
 1/25 Brooke Hallman
 1/25 Isabelle Ault
 1/25 Tessa Quarles
 1/25 Annaliese Meier
 1/26 Jessica McHugh
 1/26 Teddy Harrison
 1/28 Wes Champlin
 1/29 Charlie Kriebel
 1/30 Tim Beaver
 1/30 Helen Wilhelmy
 1/30 Carolyn Sangston



Births: "For unto us a child is born"

a daughter, **Aurelia Claire Elizabeth McCollum**, to Gretchen Sisson and Andrew McCollum; a granddaughter for Nancy Alpert-Sisson and Mercer Sisson; and a great-granddaughter for Effie and Doc Alpert

Deaths: "Let light perpetual shine upon them"

Larissa Minicucci

Address Change: My people shall abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwelling places, and in quite resting places:

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DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 1 ADVENT 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15 AM Church School and Nursery Care 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist and fellowship</p>	<p>2 7:00 PM Fellowship Ministry Meeting-Guild Room</p>	<p>3 7:30 PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings</p>	<p>4 9:30 AM OA 7:30 PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom</p>	<p>5 6:00 PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM Music - 7 to 9 pm 7:00 PM Outreach Committee</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Bishop's Ball (Youth event) - St. Thomas, Whitemarsh Montgomery County Senior Softball League dinner</p>
<p>8 2 ADVENT Outreach bags due back Share the Warmth drive service day 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15 AM Church School and Nursery Care 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist and Baptism 10:45 AM Fellowship</p>	<p>9 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE January 1/6-2/15 6:00 PM Montgomery County AA Zone Meeting-Parish Hall</p>	<p>10 11:15 AM Holy Eucharist at Brittany Pointe 7:30 PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings</p>	<p>11 9:30 AM OA 7:30 PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom</p>	<p>12 6:00 PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM Music - 7 to 9 pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 3 ADVENT 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15 AM Church School and Nursery Care 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist and fellowship 1:30 PM Recital - 1:30 to 3:30 pm 6:00 PM YOM (Youth of the Messiah)</p>	<p>16 7:00 PM Vestry meeting-Guild room 7:00 PM Kids Unlimited Christmas Party - in the Church</p>	<p>17 7:30 PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings</p>	<p>18 9:30 AM OA 7:30 PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom</p>	<p>19 6:00 PM Bell Choir rehearsal 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Music - 7 to 9 pm</p>	<p>20 8:00 PM Philadelphia 76ers vs. Dallas Mavericks</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM Decorate Church for Christmas Special Choir Practice</p>
<p>22 4 ADVENT 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15 AM Church School and Nursery Care 9:30 AM Advent Lessons & Carols and PAGEANT 2:00 PM Holy Eucharist at Meadowood YOM Christmas Party at the Millers</p>	<p>23 Office closed</p>	<p>24 Office closed CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30 PM Family Service 7:00 PM Choral Eucharist 7:30 PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY Office closed 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</p> 	<p>26 Office closed</p>	<p>27 Office closed</p>	<p>28 Office closed</p>
<p>29 1 CHRISTMAS No 8 am Eucharist 9:15 AM Church School and Nursery Care 9:30 AM Christmas Lessons and Carol with champagne and croissants</p>	<p>30 Office closed</p>	<p>31 Office closed 7:30 PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings</p>				

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<p>5 2 CHRISTMAS 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15 AM Church School/Nursery Care 9:30 AM HE/fellowship with Kings cake 6:00 PM YOM (Youth of the Messiah)</p>	<p>6 Office reopens 7:00 PM Fellowship Ministry Meeting-Guild Room</p>	<p>7 7:30 PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings</p>	<p>8 9:30 AM OA 6:00 PM Packing lunches for Manna 7:30 PM ACOA</p>	<p>9 6:00 PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM Music - 7 to 9 pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM Harmony Theater</p>
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			<p>1 Office closed 9:30 AM OA 7:30 PM ACOA meeting</p>	<p>2 Office closed</p>	<p>3 office closed</p>	<p>4 office closed</p>

Clergy

The Rev. Keith A. Marsh, *Rector*

Staff

Sue Phillips,
Parish Administrator

Hannah Albrecht,
Music Director/ Organist

Dave Reichley,
*Director of Family Ministries:
Youth*

Mike Linn, *Sexton*

Sunday Worship: 8 and 9:30 a.m

Church School: 9:15 am

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