



# THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



December 2016

## Rector's Rambling

“For unto us a child is born. . .” Isaiah 9:6

In the gloomy mid winter, when days are short and landscapes are bleak, God comes to us with light and warmth and love. The baby Jesus brings hope into our world. The light of God's love dispels the darkness, heals our relationships, and brings peace to our hearts. Here are a few suggestions about how we might share the love of God in this blessed season.

1. Invite a person who is alone to attend one of our Christmas Eve services, and take them out for a meal or coffee before or after the service.
2. Include someone outside your immediate family circle in one of your Christmas activities such as a play or a concert.
3. Volunteer at a local charity for a few hours. The Salvation Army always needs bell ringers. St. Paul's, Logan can always use help with their Holiday Community Dinners. FairHope Hospice can always use some cookies for their cookie walk.
4. Be very careful to always be kind, understanding, and pleasant with clerks, servers, fellow shoppers, and fellow drivers.
5. Tip someone 100% of the cost of the meal or service rendered..

Remember, as we share with others, God will bless us greatly.

Merry Christmas,  
Bill+

### Christmas Service Times at St. John's

3:45 p.m. Christmas Carols

4:00 p.m. Holy Communion ~ Celebrant, Rev'd William McCleery

10:45 p.m. Christmas Carols

11:00 p.m. Holy Communion ~ Celebrant, Rev'd William Pursley

#### Christmas Day Service

11:00 Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be offered Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Logan.

## Service Time Change in 2017

Starting in January, St. John's will be offering a single Sunday morning service of Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m. The new format offers several advantages for a parish our size.

- It affords our members and friends the opportunity to worship together and know each other better.
- It brings us together as one group not only for worship, but for coffee hour, and the occasional brunch.
- It makes it much easier to meet the staffing needs for ushers, lectors, lay readers, Altar Guild, and social fellowship committee.
- It allows us to experience all of the prayer book by employing both Rite One and Rite Two throughout the Liturgical Year.

The change was brought about primarily by our changing demographic reality. Our Sunday attendance throughout the summer and fall has generally been between 50 and 65 for both services.

Some minor adjustments will doubtless occur as we implement this schedule, but here are some basics you can expect.

- Holy Communion every Sunday.
- Music at all services, but generally not as much as we now have at 10:30.
- Children's Sunday School from 9-9:30 most Sundays.
- The opportunity to fellowship at coffee hour.

You can help to make this transition a success as we pursue our goal of becoming a stronger and more unified congregation.

- Be sure to fill out and wear the name tags which will be available.
- Come to church every week and stay for coffee afterwards.
- Bring a friend.

Volunteer to read, sing, usher, serve, provide flowers, be on Altar Guild, or help prepare and serve coffee hour.

May God bless us as we go forward together! "Heavenly Father, we thank you for the traditions we possess, and for the possibilities we embrace. As we embark on this new service time, fill our hearts with expectation, and help us to be better friends with each other and with you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Bill+

### Pledges and Offerings

The end of the year is fast approaching! If you have any questions about where your pledge or other giving for the year stands, please contact Janet Kling at [finance@stjohnlancaster.org](mailto:finance@stjohnlancaster.org) or call 740-653-3052. All donations you wish to have on your 2016 giving statement must be received by 12/31.

**Birthdays**

- 1 Bruce Beebe
- 3 Nickie Leckrone
- 5 Katie Kittle
- 6 Ralph Kittle
- 7 Sandie York
- 11 Nathan Campbell
- 12 Chris Hurdley
- 13 Jessie Smith
- 18 Don Eager
- 21 Barbara Mohler
- 25 Milt Taylor
- 26 Ruth Whiley
- 27 Carol Uhl
- 30 Tom Hammer
- David Walker
- 31 Alanna Hurdley

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1 Mike and Barbara Parker (79)
- 9 Matthew and Ashley Canter (06)
- 12 Doug and Kirsten Carr (98)
- 28 Lloyd and Katie Kittle (02)

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 4 Mike Parker (41)
- 7 Libby Garbrandt (08)
- 8 Kim Carter (68)
- 13 David Berner (53)
- 22 Sarah Perlow (57)
- Mary Shook (74)
- Jack Warnett (71)
- 23 Steve Wood (69)
- 30 Katie Kittle (79)
- Fran Utley (17)
- 31 Rebecca Pursley (78)

**Annual Parish Meeting**

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, January 29th following the 9 a.m. service. Mark your calendars.

**Bishop Breidenthal** will be with us on January 8th at 9 a.m. for his visitation. If you would like to be confirmed or received, please contact Fr. Bill at 740-215-3900.

**Parish Health Ministries Luncheon**

The December Parish Health Luncheon will be on Wednesday the 14th of December after the noon Eucharist.

**Fellowship Breakfast**

Please join your parish family for breakfast after the 8:00 service on Sunday, December 4th.

**Choir Members Always Needed**



Please call Doug Carr (740-385-1356) or email dugkar@gmail.com if you are interested in singing in the choir. Rehearsals are at 9:15 on Sunday before the 10:30 service.

**Hospice Cookie Walk**

The Cookie Walk for Hospice will be Saturday, Dec. 3rd in the undercroft from 8 a.m. until noon. If you would like to contribute cookies, you may drop them off Thursday, Dec. 1st from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. or on Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

You may also bring them in early on Saturday. If you have questions, please call Mark Per-rine at 740-438-4817.

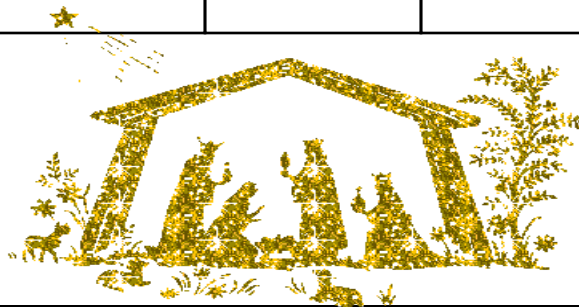


**Congratulations, Nick England** for being named “Employee of the Month” for October by Meals on Wheels Older Adult Alternatives of Fairfield County.

# St. John's Episcopal Church

## December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 8-noon - Hospice Cookie Walk
4 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC/SS	5 7:00P Choral Evensong	6 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	7 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 4:45 Pizza and God Talk at Nick's	8 6:30 Touchstone Discussion Grp. Hocking Hills Winery	9	10 Candlelight Tour
11 8:00 HC 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC/SS	12 7:00P Choral Evensong	13 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	14 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Luncheon 4:45 Pizza and God Talk	15 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline 7:00 Vestry	16	17
18 8:00 HC 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC/SS	19 7:00P Choral Evensong	20 8:00P AA Meeting	21 12:00 HC	22	23	24 3:45 p Carols 4:00 pm HC 10:45 p Car- ols 11:00 pm HC
25 11:00 a.m. HC <i>Christmas</i>	26 7:00P Choral Evensong	27 8:00P AA Meeting	28 12:00 HC/MP	29	30	31



## December 2016 Serving Schedule

December 4	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Harris	Ivan Smith & Shawn Dyer	Isaiah 11:1-10
Acolytes		William Eyman & Hannah Hurdley	Psalms 72
Lectors		Charlie Voss & Sarah Perlow	Romans 15:4-13
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Steve Wood	Nickie Lecrone & Diane Downard	Matthew 3:1-12
Altar Guild	Bobbi Beebe	Sarah Perlow, & Chris Hurdley	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
December 11	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Jim Hall & Mark Conrad	Isaiah 35:1-10
Acolytes		Morgan Spires & Libby Garbrandt	Psalms 146
Lectors		Holly Coffill & Ann Rickson	James 5:7-10
Ushers	Shook Family	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Matthew 11:2-11
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Jessie Smith, Mid Hall & Judie Miller	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
December 18	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Marc Conrad & Frankie Mathias	Isaiah 7:10-16
Acolytes		Nicole Sutter & Joanna Carr	Psalms 80
Lectors		Mark Conrad & Ivan Smith	Romans 1:1-7
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	William Eyman & Chris Hurdley	Matthew 1:18-25
Altar Guild	Gitta Sadoni & Peggy Merton	Judie Miller & Mid Hall	Set-up: Judie Miller, Judi Berry & Mid Hall
December 24	**3:45 PM	**10:45 PM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Shawn Dyer & Mark Conrad	Isaiah 9:2-7
Acolytes	Morgan Spires & Hannah Hurdley	1 <sup>st</sup> Crucifer: William Eyman 2 <sup>nd</sup> Crucifer: Asher Carr Book Bearer: Nicole Sutter Torch Bearer: Libby Garbrandt Torch Bearer: Joanna Carr	Psalms 96
Lectors		Frankie Mathias & Caitlyn Hurdley	Titus 2:11-14
Ushers	Steve Wood & Robin Leonard	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Luke 2:1-20
Altar Guild	Carol Uhl	Chris Hurdley & Sally Stallsmith	<b>**SET-UP: DECEMBER 20 All Altar Guild Members</b>
December 25	11:00 AM		
Lay Readers			Isaiah 52:7-10
Acolytes			Psalms 98
Lectors			Hebrews 1:1-12
Ushers			John 1:1-14
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer	Chris Hurdley, Judie Miller & Reda Kittle	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl

**\*\*NOTE: IF ANY ACOLYTE CANNOT SERVE AS SCHEDULED FOR CHRISTMAS, PLEASE INFORM CAITLYN HURDLEY IMMEDIATELY.**

**Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.**

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**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF**

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