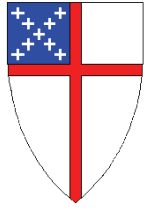


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The Monthly Newsletter of St. Mary's Episcopal Church

November 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 Holy Eucharist – Rite I

9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Holy Eucharist – Rite II

11:30 Fellowship Time

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The Rev. Linda King Watkins, **Rector**

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Terri Dee, **Clerk of Vestry**

Sherlyn Rhule, **Treasurer**

MEMBERS

Bonnie Bachtell

Phil Krauss

Miriam Lunde

Richard Rose

Elleanor Stach

Lucille Tabor

Sara Yost

DIOCESAN MISSION STATEMENT

We are partners in Christ with the love of God on our lips and in our lives.

ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

Striving to be a spring of living water to God's family, welcoming friends and strangers alike.

From The Rector



All too soon, summer is over and the days are getting shorter and colder. I wonder what early humans must have thought as they watched vegetation die and animals go into hiding. It must have been scary. It must have seemed as if the world as we know it was coming to an end.

Fire and any kind of light became extremely precious. The lamps, candles and flames reminded people that all was not lost. All cultures came to celebrate some type of season or holy day in which light played a key role.

For Christians, this time came to be known as the Season of Advent. Advent literally means "coming" and, of course, Advent celebrates the time or preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

But Advent is so much more than that. Advent is a time during which we realize that there is plenty of darkness in our world, in our

lives and in our hearts. We confront, through Bible Readings and prayers, the fears as well as the hopes that are in each of us.

In the end, we are not that different from early humans. Even though we intellectually know that winter is just another season and that spring will come again after so long. Even though we understand the cycles that make plants seem to die and animals seem to disappear, we yearn for light and life. We yearn to make sense of our deepest fears, of the dark places in our hearts. We appreciate light at this time more than ever.

The Good News is that Advent celebrates Jesus as the Light of the World. At Christmas we will welcome Him to the manger at Bethlehem and also welcome Him into each of our hearts. We know that only Jesus can give us the hope and the wherewithal to make sense of our fears and our darkness.

And we know that only in Jesus does all Creation

have hope. It will only be when he comes again that darkness and fear will be fully conquered once and for all. Until then, we can only wait. Until then, we can only do what we are called to do given the limitations of our world and our humanity.

It is thought that the earliest Christian prayer was quite simple: "Come, Lord Jesus". That is the prayer we pray above all in Advent. Come, Lord Jesus, into our lives and into our hearts. Come, Lord Jesus, and lighten our darkness and the darkness of this world. Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts.

May God give us the grace to keep a holy time of waiting so that we might rejoice to greet our savior on Christmas day. May our lives be lives of waiting and hoping for our savior's promise of a new Creation to be fulfilled.

Mother Linda †



November Worship Duties

CELEBRANT	ACOLYTES	FELLOWSHIP
1 Mother Linda	1 Brett Reichard, Tom Mentzer	1 Ellie and Sam Stach
8 Mother Linda	8 Jenny George, Mya Graves	8 Shaena Marvich
15 Mother Linda	15 Mike Warner, Casey Warner	15 Bonnie Bachtell
25 Mother Linda	25 Brett Reichard, Tom Mentzer	25
29 Mother Linda	29 Jenny George, Mya Graves	29 Joyce and Dave Thompson

Fellowship Hosts are needed for December!

CHALICISTS			GREETERS
8:00 Service	10:30 Service		
1 Miriam Lunde	1 Chris Auger, Bill Pflager	1	Harold and Virginia Bishop
8 Bob Dee	8 Deb Pflager, Deb Donoghue	8	Steve and Shaena Marvich
15 John Poniske	15 Gil Monck, Dave Thompson	15	Johnson/Campbell Family
25 Steve Marvich	25 Ron Freitag, Jenny Poniske	25	John and Linda Sanders
29 John Poniske	29 Debbie Pflager, Ellie Stach	29	Scott and Denise Warner

Alter Guild for November: Sherry Rhule

Upcoming and Ongoing Events

Lasagna Dinner

The Election Day Lasagna dinner will take place Tuesday, November 3, 4:30 – 7:00 pm. We need lots of help setting up, serving and cleaning up. Detailed sign-up sheets are in the parish hall. Please help as you can. This is a very important way we reach out to our community and we are well-known for this ministry. Make sure to vote and then come with family and friends to enjoy!

Thanksgiving Services

The Waynesboro Area Fellowship of Churches will hold its annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22, 7:00 pm at

Trinity United Church of Christ, Waynesboro. Fr. John Bateman, priest at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, will preach. All who attend are asked to bring non-perishable food items for Waynesboro Human Services.

St. Mary's will hold its Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist on Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 pm. Come and feast at God's table before going off to prepare your family feast.

Sunday, November 29 is the First Sunday in Advent. We will begin a new Church Year. We will be following Lectionary Cycle C in which we read primarily from the Gospel According to Luke.

For the Daily Offices, we will begin following the readings for Year Two.

Wednesday Night Programs

St Mary's will continue Wednesday night soup suppers through the year with a potluck dinner at 6:00, followed by discussion and Compline at 7:30. Scheduled programs for fall:

November 18: Keeping a Holy Advent. We will explore a variety of family-centered Advent activities for all ages!

December 16: Silent Night, Holy Night. St Mary's first silent retreat.

ECW Tentative Calendar for the Year

Nov. 3

Lasagna dinner - 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Dec. 20

Parish's Christmas dinner - after church -a birthday party for Jesus

Jan. 3

Sunday school's Epiphany program—Start of Lunch and Learn – "Healthy Aging"- every Friday at Noon.

Feb.

Continuing Lunch and Learn

Mar. 7 -

Parish Annual Meeting Continuing Lunch and Learn

April Parish Clean-up

May 7 - 8 Rummage Sale

June Graduation Party

Bits and Pieces. . .

Christmas Party

It's not too early to start thinking of our annual parish Christmas Party. We will be having a Birthday Party for Jesus, as it is His birthday that we are celebrating. Usually at birthday parties there is some entertainment. We welcome ideas, especially some home-grown talent. So, put your thinking caps on and give the results to Bonnie Bachtell, Ellie Stach, Peggy Warner or Liz George. Thanks.

Lunch and Learn

This year we chose the subject "Healthy Aging" so we could put a lot of topics under that nice broad um-

brella. Everything from lifestyle, diet and exercise, advance directives, nursing home community living, hospice, wills, financial thoughts etc. Any ideas on people to participate - we need to get them lined up for the coming year - please see Mother Linda, Joyce Thompson or Liz George. Thank you.

St. Mary's Night at Hoss's

Hoss's Steak House in Chambersburg is hosting a day for St. Mary's! Eat at Hoss's on Sunday, November 8, and they will donate a portion of the total spent to St. Mary's. Please plan to take family and friends for a good meal and St. Mary's will benefit. You can pick up a

coupon to present when you dine at the back of the church. Any questions, please call Bonnie Bachtell.

Men's Breakfast Group

Men's Breakfast group meets every Wednesday at 8:00 at the Mountain Shadow Diner at Blue Ridge Summit (Rt. 16 across from the post office). All men are invited for food and fellowship.

St. Mary's Prayer Circle

Prayer Circle is a group of people who commit to pray daily and remember those on the Parish Prayer list. Everyone is welcome! Prayer Books, For-

ward Day by Day, and other materials are available on the display table in the Parish Hall.

KUDOS!

A big thanks to everyone who "adopted" lasagnas and brownie mixes in preparation for our upcoming Election Day dinner! Thank you to Bob Dee and Dick Rose who traveled to Selinsgrove as the first step in applying for an Operating Grant from the Diocese.

Game Night

Don't miss the fun for all ages! Our next game night is Friday, November 20, 6:30 - 10:00 pm. Bring family and friends for food, fellowship and fun.

. . . And Let us Pray

Monthly Food Collection

The October food collection was great! We had eight bags of food and one case of mashed potatoes. The families that use the Waynesboro Area Human Services Council really appreciate these gifts. The Human Services Council is NOW stocking up to fill at least 100 baskets of food for people to enjoy a nice Christmas dinner. For November they need a lot of boxed instant mashed potatoes, boxes of stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, cake mixes and frosting. You can also bring the usual jellies, dry pastas (Spaghetti, Macaroni),

pancake mix and syrup. Remember that we can all make a difference for our neighbors. **Bring your donations to church on Sunday, November 1st OR on Sunday, November 8th.**

**Join us for
Compline every
Wednesday
night at 7:30
and for Morn-
ing Prayer
every Thursday
morning at
9:30**



PRAYER LIST

Lynn Dutton	Mary Walters	Penny
Oswald Perkins	Enrique Flores	Richie Leisner
Michael Cummings	Debbie Cummings	James Scott
Linda Rice	Carol Bricker	Dawn Kussman
Betty Stach	Doris Vincent	Blanche Bishop
Fr. Bart Berry	Kevin Sullivan	Elizabeth Daugherty
Suzanne Trobaugh	Jessica Nyman	Teresa Uccellini
Angie McDonald	Harold & Virginia Bishop	Pat Hughes
Suzanne O'Brien	Lois Miller	Del & Dorothy Robinson

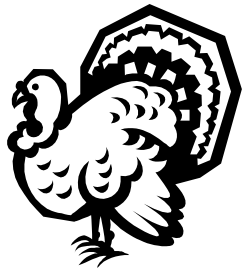
November Birthdays



8	Jay Rossman	18	Matthew Klipp
8	Denise Warner	20	Michael Warner
10	Delmar Robinson	22	Monica Grove
14	Mark Grove	25	Stephen Harris
16	Ken Watkins	25	Linda Watkins
17	James Auger	28	Thomas Mentzer
18	Kai Giersmann	29	Scott Bachtell
18	Lars Giersmann	30	Alaina Warner



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