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Reflections from Father Michael+

Dear Friends in Christ,

We've already received numerous Christmas catalogs. One of them had a mood light. According to the description, the lamp will provide a bright light - alleviating the light deprivation that many of us experience during the winter months.

Days are shorter. It's often cloudy and overcast. The darkness can affect many of us. The condition is called "seasonal affective disorder." It's reported that more than 3 million Americans suffer from the medically-documented condition. One of the main symptoms is hopelessness... a feeling of despair.

Take yourself back in time 2,000 years ago. Humans were experiencing a "Messiah affective disorder." Then in a manger previously filled with animals, Mary gave birth to Christ. And from that time, our world got a lot brighter.

Through the Light of Christ, we now have hope. On December 24th, we'll gather together to rejoice the Incarnation of Christ - through our lively worship, singing our favorite Christmas hymns, and ending the service by candlelight.

Live into the Light. During this month that is filled with darkness, know that Christ is present to warm your heart and to light your path.

Yours in Christ,

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It Is Rite I Time

During the season of Advent, we'll use Rite I during our Eucharistic worship. Advent is an important and significant season of our liturgical year. It calls us to stop and prepare for the coming of Christ. Using the beautiful words of Rite I will cause us to pay closer attention to our worship. We can use that same refocused attention in our prayer life as we look toward the Incarnation of Christ.

Stewardship Campaign—2019

Thank you to all of those who submitted pledge cards on Loyalty Sunday (November 18th). If you haven't returned your pledge card, please pick one up at the table in the back of church or call the church office. We rely on the faithful generosity of our church family to support the missions and ministry of Saint Andrew's.

Special Men's Event - December 1st!

Men of Saint Andrew's (and your friends too) - we hope that you can join us at the Ignite Brewing Company (600 West Tuscarawas Avenue - Barberton) on Saturday - December 1st. We'll meet at 12 pm for lunch - where our special guest will be The Rev. Dr. Paul Gaston, author of the book, Ohio's Craft Beers. Father Paul was recently Acting Dean at Trinity Cathedral (Cleveland) and is the Trustees Professor at Kent State. We'll also have a short tour of the brewery and taste-test some of the brewery's creations. Please look for the RSVP sign-up at the back of the church. For more information, please speak with Father Michael or call the church office at (330) 753-9026. Hope to see you there and please invite your friends!

Poinsettia Time Again *from Pat Bogner*

The Altar Guild is taking orders for poinsettia for our Christmas Eve Service, The cost will be \$8.50. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church, or you may call the office (330-753-9026) to place your order. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 9th. As always, the Altar Guild thanks you for your support.



Just Desserts is December 9th



On Sunday - December 9th - we'll have a version of our Jell-O Sunday tradition called "Just Desserts." If you like, you may still bring a purple or blue oriented Jell-O dessert. Or, please feel free to bring another type of dessert. Feel free to use your creativity - cookies, pie, muffins, etc., are all welcome. We'll enjoy these tasty treats after the 10 am service.



Vestry Highlights *from Shirley Fister, Clerk* November Meeting

The Endowment Committee had a routine meeting October 15th. Investment income was down due to market fluctuations. No changes were made.

Two present members of the Vestry will rotate off the end of the year. We need at least two interested people to volunteer for these open positions.

We will again recruit singers from school choirs to sing with us on Christmas Eve.

The Vestry approved the following:

- Charitable donations to four nonprofit organizations
- An annual preventative checkup for the furnaces and air conditioner units
- An estimate for resurfacing the church flat roofs with work to start in the Spring.

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for December 11th at 6 pm.

Healing Service December 16th

On Sunday, December 16th, we'll include a Service of Healing within both Sunday services (8 am and 10 am). Worshipers may receive an anointing of oil and special prayers for themselves or on behalf of someone else. We hope that you can attend. We also encourage you to invite your family and friends, too.

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army *from Al Arkett*

We have reserved Friday, December 21st for the St. Andrew's saints to ring the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle at Giant Eagle, Barberton, from 9 am to 7 pm. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. If you have any questions? See or call Al or Phyllis Arkett at 330-753-8316

Christmas Eve Festal Eucharist

Please join us on Christmas Eve for a Festal Eucharist to celebrate the Birth of Christ. Our service will begin at 7 pm. It will include a prelude of beautiful Christmas music. Near the end of the service, we will light our candles as we sing "Silent Night." It's a beautiful and moving service. We hope that you can worship with us that evening. Oh, and invite your friends and family too!



Need a Ride on Christmas Eve?

Do you need a ride to church on Christmas Eve? We will be glad to come and pick you up! Please leave your name with an usher after any Sunday service, speak with Father Michael, or call the church office at (330) 753-9026.



ECW News *from Pat Miller*

Advent Tree Donations - Deadline will be Sunday, December 16th.

Please continue to bring the school supplies. We will add undies, socks, t-shirts, sweat pants and tops (any size for boys and girls grades K through 4).

Donation suggestions for BACM and Salvation Army - food items, cleaning and laundry supplies, paper items, feminine products, travel size shampoo and conditioner.

Donation suggestions for Hospice - regular size shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, pencils, pens, puzzle books, notepads, greeting cards, 2019 calendars, etc.

Jesus' Birthday Party will be held during coffee hour after the 10 am service on December 23rd.

Have a Blessed Christmas.

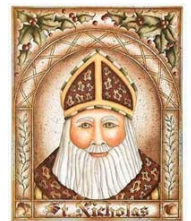
Service of Lessons and Carols on December 30th

On Sunday, December 30th, we'll again celebrate the Christmas season with the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at the 10 am service. The service includes Bible readings and familiar hymns. It's a beautiful service. If you love Christmas carols, we're likely to sing many of your favorites. Please invite your family and friends to the church on that Sunday!

Please note that there will be no 8 am service on December 30th.

Saint Nicholas Day - December 2nd

Please join us at both services on December 2nd to remember Saint Nicholas. The sermon that day will chronicle this important saint's life.



Very little is known about the life of Nicholas, except that he suffered torture and imprisonment during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. It is possible that he was one of the bishops attending the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea in 325. He was honored as a saint in Constantinople in the sixth century by the Emperor Justinian. His veneration became immensely popular in the West after the supposed removal of his body to Bari, Italy, in the late eleventh century. In England, almost 300 churches were dedicated to him.

Nicholas is famed as the traditional patron of seafarers and sailors, and more especially, of children. As a bearer of gifts to children, his name was brought to America by the Dutch colonists in New York, from whom he is popularly known as Santa Claus. *[The above passage is quoted from Holy Men & Holy Women: Celebrating the Saint, 2010]*

UNICEF Collection *from Shirley Fister*

Thank you to everyone who donated to our UNICEF boxes. Together we collected \$19.25. The amount was turned in to Church Women United to be added to donations from other churches and sent to UNICEF.



Prayer List

PRAY:

FOR all who are plagued by natural or human caused disasters.

FOR all who are unemployed, especially those who have recently lost their jobs.

FOR peace on Earth, brotherhood and reason among mankind.

FOR our military members stationed throughout the world especially Doug Dunwald, Jr., Candace Esquivel, Christopher Horvath, Dustin Lauterbacher, Nikolas Halter, Destany Halter, Sam Radanof and James George.

FOR Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their beliefs.

THAT all people would come to know the resurrected Jesus as Savior, Lord and God.

FOR our denomination and our parish and our members.

FOR Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop and Michael our priest.

FOR all who are troubled in mind, body, or spirit.

FOR all who are in need of healing, especially: Charlotte, Amanda, Mary, Christine, Vickie, Libby, Mr. Barth, Gary, William, Jason, Sam, John V., Margaret, Victoria S., Kay, Lynn, John G., Diane, Tondalia, Griffin, Carol, Dave & Pam F., Darrin, Spencer, Jean, Mitchell, Bill, Monica, Bishop Curry, Kenny, Kathy, Mary Beth, Richard, Jamie, Pastor Ron, Averyl, Karen M., Nikki C., Nikki, Lillian, Rick, Steven, Phil P., Sue, Heather, Sharon, John H. and Anna.

FOR those who have died and those who mourn their passing especially, Tom Bell and David Blumberg.

Ink Cartridge Recycling *from Bob Demko*

At the end of this year, I will no longer collect ink cartridges for recycling. The quantity of cartridges provided has been dropping while the stores have reduced the recycling benefits. The benefits to St. Andrew's are too low to continue. I will accept ink cartridges through December 31, 2018.

Recycling is still a good endeavor. Many stores will accept your used cartridges. Staples, OfficeMax, and Office Depot will for sure. Best Buy and Walmart may also. Some ink manufacturers provide information on mailing back your old cartridges for recycling.

2019 Annual Meeting is January 20th

Mark your calendars, our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 20th. We'll have only one service at 9 am on that day, followed by our annual meeting. If you're a committee chair and/or regularly submit a report, please begin working on your report. We'll identify a deadline shortly to submit your reports to Tsianina for inclusion in the Annual Report.

Serving on Vestry?

This year, we'll recognize three vestry members for their loyal service as they complete their term. At the annual meeting, we'll elect three more loyal Saint Andrew's members to serve on the vestry, the board of the church. If you're interested, please speak with Father Michael. He would be glad to discuss this important ministry in the church and your hopeful service on it.

St. Andrew's Christmas Ornaments *from Shirley Fister*

The St. Andrew's Christmas ornaments will be on sale after church services starting December 2. They make a lovely addition to a Christmas tree or a great gift for anyone with a connection to St. Andrew's. If interested in purchasing an ornament, please see Pat Bogner, Shirley Fister or Joan Rhodes. Ornaments can also be ordered by calling Shirley Fister at 330-753-3903. The cost is \$10.

Checks should be made out to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with a notation that it is for the Christmas ornament.

Thank You *from Shirley Fister*

Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate my birthday with cards and cake during coffee hour.

White Liturgical Color during Epiphanytide

As you know, we change the colors of altar hangings throughout the year (green, red, white, purple, etc.) to match the liturgical season. We'll try something a little different this year - using the color white during the season of Epiphanytide. The Church of England keeps the color of white from Christmas through the Presentation of Our Lord holy day (on February 2). This year, we'll do the same at Saint Andrew's.

To describe this approach, the Church House Publishing (from the Church of England) commented, "The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation. The [Christ] child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognized by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel."

As such, this entire time is a time of celebration. And the color white is the celebratory liturgical color. We hope that this time of Epiphanytide will be enhanced and more meaningful to you.

Readings for Holy Days in December

On these days, please pause and say a special prayer for their lives and ministries. We also pray that their examples will bless our lives too!

Feast Day	Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
St. Nicholas (Dec 6 th)	Proverbs 19:17, 20-23	Psalm 145	1 John 4:7-14	Mark 10:13-16
St. Ambrose (Dec 7 th)	Sirach 2:7-11, 16-18	Psalm 25	Acts 4:23-31	Luke 12:35-37, 42-44
St. Thomas (Dec 21 st)	Habakkuk. 2:1-4	Psalm 126	Hebrews 10:35-11:1	John 20:24-29
St. Stephen (Dec 26 th)	Jeremiah 26:1-9, 12-15	Psalm 31	Acts 6:8-7:51c-60	Matthew 23:34-39
St. John (Dec 27 th)	Exodus 33:18-23	Psalm 92	1 John 1:1-9	John 21:19b-24
Holy Innocents (Dec 28 th)	Jeremiah 31:15-17	Psalm 124	Revelations 21:1-7	Matthew 2:13-18

December 2018

Altar Guild:

November 17th through December 7th – Kathy Dana, Shirley Fister, Anne Horvath

December 8th through December 28th – Kay Kern, Pat Miller, Joan Rhoades

December 29th through January 18th – Pat Bogner, Donna Radanof, Megan Shaw, Robyn Williams

Acolytes

- 2 Robyn Williams
- 9 Allen May
- 16 Chris Gray
- 23 Robyn Williams
- 24 7 pm Crucifers – Scott Demko, Allen May
Acolyte – KayCee Pauley
- 30 Allen May

Ushers

- 2 Bob Demko / Chris Gray
- 9 Scott Demko / Michael Hanshaw
- 16 Al Arkett / Allen May
- 23 Scott Demko / Michael Hanshaw
- 24 7 pm Bill Kern / Andrew McLeod / Bob Demko / Mark Demko
- 30 Michael Hanshaw / Allen May

Chalicers

- 2 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Deidre Bullock
- 9 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Scott Demko
- 16 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Robyn Williams
- 23 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Deidre Bullock
- 24 7 pm Robyn Williams
- 30 10 am Lessons & Carols



Lectors

- 2 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Chris Gray
- 9 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Al Arkett
- 16 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Maxanna Demko
- 23 8 am Gib Radanof
10 am Michael Hanshaw
- 24 7 pm Megan Shaw
- 30 10 am Lessons & Carols

Birthdays

Editor's note—there are no
Anniversaries In December

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| 2 | Al Arkett |
| | Mike Centea |
| | Bill Muffet |
| 15 | John Hutchinson |
| 21 | Mike Radanof |
| | Joan Rhoades |
| 24 | Annette Nickol |
| | Phil Rhoades |
| 27 | Judy Gibson |

Parish Register

Baptism

November 4th—Cassidy Paul Friedrichsen Jr.

Altar Flowers

- 2 Fister
- 9 Fister
- 16 Arkett
- 23 Poinsettias
- 30 Muffet



Cleaning Teams:

- 5 Heavenly Touch
- 8 McLeod
- 15 Fister / Bullock
- 22 Kern
- 29 Demko


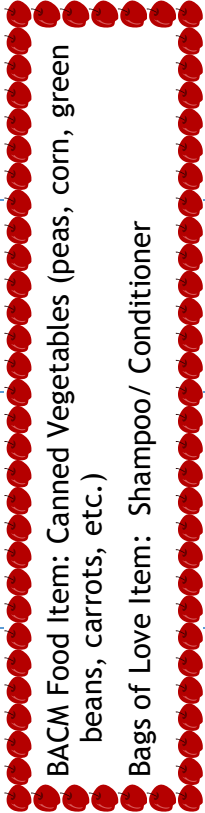


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>1st Sunday of Advent 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C)</p>	<p>  BACM Food Item: Canned Vegetables (peas, corn, green beans, carrots, etc.) Bags of Love Item: Shampoo/ Conditioner </p>					<p>1</p> <p>12 pm Men's Event— Ignite Brewery</p> <p>12 pm ECW Christmas Lunch (Green Diamond Restaurant)</p>
<p>2</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>St. Nicholas Bishop of Myra</p>	<p>7</p> <p>St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Advent 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C) After Church—Just Desserts Deadline to order Poinsettias</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6 pm Vestry (P)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>
<p>16</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Advent Healing Service 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C) Deadline for Advent Tree Donations</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>St. Thomas, Apostle</p> <p>9 am to 7 pm Bell Ringing at Giant Eagle</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>4th Sunday of Advent 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C) After Church Jesus' Birthday Party</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 pm Festal Eucharist</p>	<p>25</p> <p>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</p> <p>Office Closed Dec ember 25th through January 1st</p>	<p>26</p> <p>St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr</p>	<p>27</p> <p>St. John Apostle and Evangelist</p>	<p>28</p> <p>The Holy Innocents</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>1st Sunday of Christmas 10 am Lessons and Carols (C)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Deadline for ink cartridge recycling</p>				<p>Locations: C — Church Ch — Chapel</p>	<p>U — Undercroft P — Parlor</p>

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