

TIDINGS

The newsletter of The Church of the Incarnation, Rt. 522, Mineral, Virginia.

YOUR 2019 VESTRY

Tom Brockel

Jim DeBusk

Wayne Gibbons

Patsy Hall

Samantha Perry

Eileen Smith

Bill Thomas

Susan Turney

WINDOW DEDICATION

The Stained-Glass window dedication will be on January 27th at 10:30am with a reception to follow. All are welcome.

The church was built in the late 1800s. It is believed that the first windows were put in when the building was finished in 1902. In 2017 the vestry decided it was time to restore the windows.

When we started the window restoration project, we thought it would be a project that would last for several years. Thanks to everyone's gracious donations, we raised \$28,550 and completed in less than a year!

WINDOW DEDICATION RECEPTION

Sandy Brockel is looking for help planning the reception to follow the dedication windows. Please let her know if you can help by phone: (540) 270- 8940.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Outreach Committee that will meet for the first time on Wednesday, January 16th at 3:30pm at the church. Please share any outreach ideas with Sandy Brockel before then or join them at that meeting.

PLEDGE UPDATE

Total pledges right now: 17 pledges that total \$49,120. The 2019 budget is for \$53,000 in pledges. In 2018 we had 24 pledges that totaled \$43,100. Currently, we have fewer pledges in 2019 with more money pledged. However, we're still short of the total we need in 2019 by about \$4,000. For 2018 we had budgeted \$17,500 in plate offerings and \$43,100 of pledges. As of December 24, 2018 we have received \$9,580 in plate offerings and \$56,643 in pledge offerings.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY

The Family we helped this Christmas was a father on military disability, his daughter and two grandchildren (4 & 6 years old). Nancy Thomas, Pat Gibbons and Claudia DeBusk bought the gifts and gift cards. Claudia and Pat took the gifts to the family on December 21, 2018

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

Our new Wednesday night bible study topic is Women in the Bible. Join us starting January 16th at 5:30pm for dinner and study from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

“Most people believe that the '12 Days of Christmas' refers to the days *before* Christmas. However, it's really the period starting *on* Christmas day and finishing with the Epiphany (January 6th, when the 3 kings from 'the East' brought gifts). You may be familiar with the Christmas song, *The 12 Days of Christmas*.

The first few lines go like this: On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me a partridge in a pear tree. On the second day of Christmas, my true love sent to me two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree. On the third day of Christmas, my true love sent to me three french hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree. The song continues, adding 4 calling birds on the 4th day, 5 golden rings on the 5th, and so on up to the 12th day, when 12 drummers add to the cacophony of assorted birds, pipers and lords leaping all over the place.

Notice that on each day there is one partridge (so I will have 12 partridges by the 12th day), and each day from the second day onwards there are 2 doves (so I will have 22 doves), and from the 3rd there are 3 hens (total of 30 hens), and so on.



How many presents are there altogether?

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Partridges: } 1 \times 12 = 12 \\
 &\text{Doves: } 2 \times 11 = 22 \\
 &\text{Hens } 3 \times 10 = 30 \\
 &\text{Calling birds: } 4 \times 9 = 36 \\
 &\text{Golden rings: } 5 \times 8 = 40 \\
 &\text{Geese: } 6 \times 7 = 42 \\
 &\text{Swans: } 7 \times 6 = 42 \\
 &\text{Maids: } 8 \times 5 = 40 \\
 &\text{Ladies: } 9 \times 4 = 36 \\
 &\text{Lords: } 10 \times 3 = 30 \\
 &\text{Pipers: } 11 \times 2 = 22 \\
 &\text{Drummers: } 12 \times 1 = 12 \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \text{Total} = 364
 \end{aligned}$$

We observe that we have the same number of partridges as drummers (12 of each); doves and pipers (22 of each); hens and lords (30 of each) and so on. The easiest way to count our presents is to add up to the middle of the list and then double the result: $(12 + 22 + 30 + 36 + 40 + 42) \times 2 = 364$.” Story by: Murray Bourne from:

<https://www.intmath.com/blog/mathematics/the-twelve-days-of-christmas-how-many-presents-1686>

ABOUT EPIPHANY AND THE MAGI

“About Epiphany:

The feast of the Epiphany is January 6th, twelve days after Christmas. It officially ends the “twelve days of Christmas” from which we get that carol “On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...”. In the Western churches (including the Episcopal Church), Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the Wise Men from the East to the Christ child in Bethlehem.

Epiphany means “manifestation” or “revelation” or “appearing”. It makes sense that Epiphany season comes right after Christmas. Christmas is about the birth of Jesus; Epiphany is about the spread of the good news to the wider world.

For the Eastern Churches, this celebration mixes together both the visitation of the Wise Men and the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. Both of these are events that manifest the divinity of Christ to the wider world. In the Eastern Churches, Epiphany is called “Theophany”, which means basically the “shining-forth” of God.



The Magi:

The Feast of the Epiphany centers on the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem. In the Christmas story that St. Matthew tells us, wise men from the East study the stars and the prophecies, and detect the birth of the Savior. They travel to Bethlehem to pay homage to Jesus Christ, and they bring with them gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh.

The Gospel account doesn't say that there are three magi, nor that they are kings. Over the years, our Christian ancestors described them as three kings named Balthesar, Melchior, and Caspar (although in different cultures they have different names!)

Read the story of the Magi in the gospel of Matthew 2:1-12.” Story From:

<http://www.standrewsemporia.org/epiphany.html>

IMPORTANT EVENTS

The collection from the plate offerings on January 6th goes to the Vicar's Discretionary Fund.

New Bible study: Women in the Bible starts on January 16 at 5:30pm.

The New Year's first Vestry meeting is on January 20th at 9am at the church.

The 4th Sunday of every month is usually potluck, however, this month we have planned a menu for the reception following the window dedication, the sign-up sheet is in The Parish Hall if you can help.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT FROM DEC 23, 2018



LECTORS FOR JANUARY		
DATE	READING	READER
January 6	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14	Edwin Keller
Epiphany	Ephesians 3: 1-12	Nancy Thomas
Holy Eucharist	Matthew 2: 1-12	Rev Lura M. Kaval
January 13	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Psalm 29	Rick Harlow
Epiphany 1	Acts 8: 14-17	Maddie Madison
Holy Eucharist	Luke 3: 15-17, 21,22	Rev Lura M. Kaval
January 20	Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 36: 5-10	Samantha Perry
Epiphany 2	1Corinthians 12: 1-11	Susan <u>Utt</u>
Holy Eucharist	John 2: 1-11	Rev Lura M. Kaval
January 27	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5,6,8-10	Jane Keller
Epiphany 3	1 Corinthians 12: 12 -31	Pat Gibbons
Holy Eucharist	Luke 4: 14-21	Rev. Lura M. Kaval

For any changes to the reader list please contact Jane Keller.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY



Birthdays:

Rick Harlow	1st
Susan Turney	2nd
Beth Banocy	5th
Faye Grimm	8th
Jane Gallagher	10th
Jim DeBusk	12th
Jackie Holbert	18th
Calvin Jr (Woody)	23 rd
Nick Barlow	24 th
Edwin Keller	31 st

Anything for the Tidings or the website may be sent to Samantha Perry at: Samperry1118@gmail.com

Birthdays Prayers are found on page 830 in the book of common Prayer

Anniversary: Calvin Jr (Woody) and Mary Wood 10th

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