



Advent ... “A Season for Those Who Are Troubled”

Dear Christian Friends,

On the Third Sunday in Advent, Saint Mark's Congregation will receive a number of new and renewing members with special prayers and a special Christmas Lunch. I can hardly wait to celebrate the Eucharist that Sunday with all of you. I ask all of you to take a moment to introduce yourselves to any one you do not know among our newcomers. They are waiting for your welcome.

But, the *Advent Season is one intended to teach us how to wait*. The Lutheran Pastor, The Rev. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, martyred by the German Nazis, had a most interesting and true understanding of Advent that I would like to share with you and all our newcomers.

Pastor Bonhoeffer said: “Celebrating Advent means learning how to wait...Not everyone wants to wait... certainly not those who are satisfied, contented, and feel that they live in the best of all possible worlds! In fact, those who learn to wait for God are uneasy about their way of life now, but yet have seen a vision of greatness *in the world of the future* and are patiently expecting its fulfillment. *Indeed, the celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul*, who know themselves to be imperfect and poor, who look forward to something greater to come. For these kind of people, it is enough to wait in humble fear and expectation, until the Holy One himself comes down to us, God in the child in the Manger.”

Those who wait are convinced there is still One to come who will create peace, justice, reconciliation and a resurrection life . Waiting is hard work and requires a troubled soul. It is not the activity of those living the “*Dolce Vita*”. It is not a sport for the rich and famous, nor the consumer culturalists among us. So, I wonder where Advent Season finds you? I know that I am waiting and praying for peace and healing in our own community and especially in the Ukraine and Russia. As we wait at Saint Mark's, please welcome those who are newcomers to our community and perhaps are waiting for a future yet to come with hope.

Waiting in the Season of Advent,

Fr. Kim

Holly Weaver

Healthing Corner

"Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually."
Psalms 119-117

Health Awareness for December 2022

Monthly	Weeks	Days
National Soft Toy and Gifts.	December 5-11	Dec. 1 Eat an Apple a day and World AIDS
	National Handwashing and Influenza Vaccinations	Dec. 3 International Persons with Disabilities'

December is the Month for Safety Concerns and Vaccinations:

We will be closed do to Winter.

This is the time to eat 5 Fresh Fruit a day if you are able.

The old adage: " Eat an Apple a day to keep the Doctor away. "

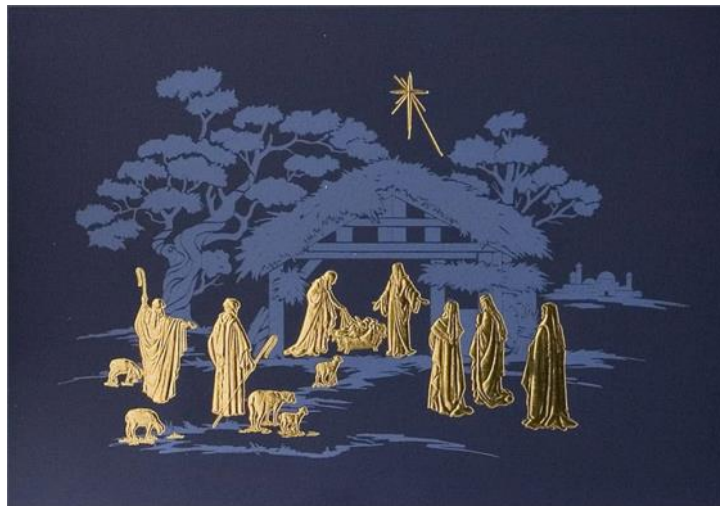
Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas to All and a Happy New Year.

Hospitality

Fellowship For the Year 2022

**I want to thank all that could participate in our Fellowship this year 2022.
They were terrific Tasting and very Happy Times this year.**

Hoping for great times and lots of Fellowship in 2023.



Holly Weaver

ECW

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank You for ending 2022 with such Support and Donations we could not have done anything without it.

We have made from the Holiday and Merchant Bazaar a total of lots of Fun, Smiles, and Monies totaling worth \$1,571.45. So, Great Job to All.

There will be a giving of 25% to the Church and 10% to a charity of ECW's choice. This happens at the 2023 Parish meeting.

Voting for your favorite Charity from Now to the First week in January 2023. Get your votes in.. tell or email to Sally Nickle, Sue Lorah, and Holly Weaver.

Charities that have been suggested are as follows :

- A. Thistle Hill of Coatesville -- A shelter for women and Jobs.,
- B. Hearts and Hands-- Supports children of manufactured homes in this area.,
- C. City Gate mission--- to assist men coming out of jail and back into society.,
- D. Episcopal Relief Help Fund-- in Philadelphia.,
- E. Episcopal Church School---Children's Education.,
- F. Anchored Ministry-- Elverson, PA, Clothing, Food, and Community, 484-525-0803, FHS

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Hello,

I had the pleasure of attending Susan Weidener's Writing Workshop on November 19, 2022 at St. Mark's. It was such a pleasure. We had a read around of each story written by the people attending. We discussed different segments of each story along with the idea that journaling and prayer assists us in triggering writing ideas for books, articles or personal letters. etc. I found it most inspiring and relaxing at the same time and am excited to read Susan's latest book published.;"And the Memory Returns" Please consider attending the next time Susan offers the workshop. It was a wonderful break from my daily demands, peacefully discussing writing ideas and enjoying delightful snacks the attendees brought

along with fun fellowship. I'll be looking for you.



Jan Dwyer

Christmas—the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ—is the second most important feast in the entire liturgical year, behind only Easter Sunday, the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Therefore, it is important for Christians to gather as one body and to worship Christ on this feast of His Nativity.



Links

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www.facebook.com/STMARKSHB or YouTube

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church - Honey Brook - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Keep in touch via Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/291213475198441>

Happy Birthday

Mara Witman 12/1

Anne Lorah 12/1

Julie Combs 12/4

Joe Orlando 12/5

Kathy Mraz 12/5

Paul Colombo 12/9

Linda Jones 12/14

Dean Kaiser 12/16

Hunter Pasela 12/22

Lucia Costanzo 12/29

Linda Duguay 12/30

Anniversaries

Karl & Verna Emery 12/29

Wes & Marge Darby 12/30

Merry Christmas



Letter From Sally Nickle

Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas to All and a Happy New Year.

Born to a humble family through extraordinary circumstances, the son of Mary and Joseph was destined for greatness from the very beginning.

On a star-filled night in Bethlehem more than 2000 years ago, two very weary travelers made their way in search of a place to rest. Mary was nine months pregnant. The overcrowded city had no accommodations available, so they resorted to a stable. The young woman gave birth. Only Joseph and a few animals were present. Mary wrapped her tiny baby in swaddling cloth and laid him in a trough. The greatest of all leaders came to this earth not to be served, but to serve others. The birth of Jesus has made it possible for all of us to stand in the presence of His Father and receive heaven as our eternal home

You will probably receive many gifts during your lifetime, but the one who arrived on the first Christmas night in a stable is the only one that really matters. Although you cannot see or touch Him, He is always with you if you know Him as your Savior. He will love you unconditionally, cleanse you from all sin, and one day bring you home to Himself in heaven. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" 2:Corin 9:15

George and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas! Although we each have many wonderful Christmas traditions, let us always keep Jesus at the center of our celebration and never forget to share our priceless gift with others.

Prayerfully yours,
Sally Nickle



A
Holy
and Blessed
Christmas

	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/24	12/25
GREETERS	Liz Hughes	Bob Shingle	Sally Nickle	Sally Nickle	Brittney Urban
USHER/GIFTS	Sally & George Nickle	Sally & George Nickle	Sally & George Nickle	Sally & George Nickle	Mark Combs
READERS	Many	Kaye Lee	Sandy Shaffer	Dr. Asha	Susan Weidener
PRAYERS	Frank Weaver	Mary Ann Kaiser	Liz Hughes	Dr Asha	Fr. Kim
ACOLYTE			Macayla Symonds	Nick & Lucia Constanzo	
COUNTERS	Mike Villano Chris Roy	Amanda Costanzo Sandy Shaffer	Burt Todd Sandy Shaffer	Toni John Mraz	Julie Combs Sandy Shaffer
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Mike Villano	Bob Shingle	Sandy Shaffer	Bob Shingle	Sandy Shaffer
ALTAR GUILD	Verna & Karl Emery	Verna & Karl Emery	Verna & Karl Emery	Verna & Karl Emery	Verna & Karl Emery
NURSERY/ SUNDAY SCHOOL	Ivanna Freeman	Ivanna Freeman	Ivanna Freeman	Ivanna Freeman	
FELLOWSHIP APPETIZER	Frank & Holly Weaver	Christmas Luncheon	Lisa & Mike Villano	None	Coffee And Cake
FELLOWSHIP MAIN DISH	Fr. Kim & Mother Asha	Christmas Luncheon	Christine & Burt Todd	None	Coffee And Cake
FELLOWSHIP DESSERT	Brittany & Nancy	Christmas Luncheon	Toni & Stuart	None	Coffee And Cake

Many are called but few sign-up...**St. Mark's worship team calendar**

The life of the church is its people. Our participation in worship and fellowship is but one way we demonstrate our willingness to serve. - Bob Schultz

LET US PRAY FOR: Tiffany Montgomery, Piper Hatfield, Peyton Lazlo, Flora Profeto, Robert Duguay, Steve Albany, Lori Harsh, Kenneth & Kristine Miller, Julie Combs, Marge Darby, Ray Wood, The Pasela Family, Dick Rainer, Ruth Rainer, Lois & Elisabeth Schultz, Diane Spath, Claudia Petrus, Taran Miller, Sheri Monti, Susan Rainer, Douglas Rainer, Greg Shores, Jane Shingle, Dominic Haley, Galen Miller, Julie (Nass) Immel, Michelle Cisney, Ed Vicky Morris, Vicki Weller, Sam Dienno, Geri Phillip, Jerry Price, Jim Hudak, Jensyn Moyer, Bella Maria, Joy Liapis, Kelli, The Family of John Symonds. The Family of John Macomber, The Family of Bob Schultz ...And those we now name...



BULLETIN BOARD

City Gate Men's Mission:

St. Mark's continues to supply dinners to City Gate in Coatesville. If you would like to help with cooking, contact Frank Weaver or Fr. Kim before the second Saturday of each month. The next dinner is on Dec, 10

Let us know what you would like to see in our newsletter!

The Dec. vestry meeting will be zoom 7:00 PM Dec. 19, 2022

Please submit pictures for the Newsletter. All pictures are welcome, pets, children, seniors .

Please remember the *Saint Mark's "Little Food Cupboard"* outside the undercroft by bringing canned or dry food items for the hungry in our community.

Outreach Ivanna Freeman

November Outreach

Honey Brook Sewing Circle: 7 Baby Hats and 1 Childs Sweater Vest

Honey Brook Food Pantry 1 Bag of groceries

Samaritan's Purse \$280.00 For shipping & Handling of shoeboxes overseas to children in need.

We delivered 97 Shoeboxes to Petra in New Holland for Samaritan's Purses, "Operation Christmas Child". They were trucked to one of Samaritan Purses distribution centers to be processed. Samaritan's Purse will then deliver them overseas to children in need.

We are now cooperating with Hearts in Hands by donating Christmas gifts to area teenagers in need. There are still some Angels waiting for gifts. Check the bulletin board near the entrance to the kitchen if you would like to participate. The wrapped Angel gifts should be returned by Dec. 19th

Thank you





Join the Choir...

**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**



*"Let the
little children
come to me"*

Come and See what's happening!



Dec 4: 10:30 AM Lessons and Carols

Dec 10: City Gate—See Frank Weaver

Dec 24: 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Dec 25: 10:30 AM Christmas day Service