



CHRISTMAS BEGINS WITH *Christ*

Christmas, 2019

Dear Friends,

Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth. It is a day to give thanks for a new relationship with God. This year, I find myself using a different greeting for Christmas. Instead of saying, "Merry Christmas", I am saying "Have a meaningful and Merry Christmas." While I want us to have a good day and a happy day, I hope for something more, something that lasts for more than a day.

This Christmas Season, we will have opportunities that I hope are merry and also meaningful. Here are some of these opportunities:

Sunday, December 22: *Stripping of the Altar at the end of the 10:30 service as we transition from Advent to Christmas. The Choir will sing to us during this time.*

Sunday, December 22, at 6:00 pm: *"The Longest Night". Last year, 23 of us had dinner, reflected on a new type of Christmas, without loved ones who have died. Invite a friend; I found last year's helpful and meaningful.*

Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 pm, *Family Eucharist, No Rehearsal Pageant, Birthday Cake for Jesus.*

Tuesday, December 24, 10:00 pm, *Simple Eucharist with time for meditation before an icon, walking a labyrinth, reflecting on Bible passages and more.*

Faithfully,

The Rev. Albert A. Jennings

*The designated 2019 Christmas Offering
will be split evenly among:*

*Haven of Rest, Akron: ministry to homeless & hungry people
Emergency Assistance Center of Northfield: food & clothing ministry
Episcopal Relief & Development:
helping communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disease & disaster*



JANUARY, 2020

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TIDINGS

St. Timothy's Mission: To celebrate and share Christ's healing love through worship, fellowship, and outreach.

FROM THE VESTRY LAST MEETING, 12/5/19

1. We heard a preliminary report on our Stewardship Campaign; we are waiting for a number of pledges.
2. We took a first look at the 2020 Budget.
3. As allowed by our Parish "Code of Regulations", we decided to reduce the number of Vestry members from eight to seven. This means we will be electing two persons to Vestry at our Annual Meeting.
4. We affirmed January 26, 2020, as the date of our Annual Meeting, following the 10:30 service.
5. We heard that we had excellent outreach collections for: Apple sauce for Open M; clothing for the Emergency Assistance center; and bedding for the Geauga County Humane Society.
6. We heard of the very successful Wine Education Fundraising Event; see article elsewhere in the pages for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, **December 21**, 11:00 am, Memorial for Jean Jaye
- Sunday, **December 22**, 6:00 pm, The Longest Night,
a Music & Dinner program
- Monday, **December 23**, 1:00-3:00 pm, Visitation
3:00 pm, Memorial for Dave Ptak, a repast
- Tuesday, **December 24**, 5:00 pm, Family Christmas Eucharist, followed by birthday cake for Jesus;
10:00 pm, Quiet Christmas Eucharist
- Wednesday, **December 25**, 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist
- Tuesday, **December 31**, Annual Reports due in the office:
via email, preferred.
- Wednesday, **January 1**, 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, **January 5**, 5:00 pm, Eat, Sing, Pray
- Sunday, **January 26**, 11:45 am, Annual Meeting, then Luncheon.
- Sunday, **February 9**, Bishop Hollingsworth will visit.



Annual Reports are due in the office by December 31.



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The deadline for
February
Tidings is
MONDAY
January 20,
9:00 am.

IN THE PARISH FAMILY

Deaths: N. Jean Jaye

David Ptak

"Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord."

OUTREACH FOR JANUARY

We will collect Boxes of Instant Oatmeal all this month. The bin is under the table near the front door.

In our **quest for 210** 24 oz jars of apple sauce for Christmas baskets, **226 jars were sent from St. Timothy's**. Thank you for super efforts & generosity.

Thank you for all your gifts of food.

Outreach Committee



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Official Annual Meeting Notice: Our Parish Annual meeting is Sunday, January 26, following the 10:30 am service. A luncheon will follow.

Bishop Hollingsworth will visit here on Sunday, February 9. If you would like to be confirmed, received, or reaffirm your baptismal vows on that day, please let Albert know.

HELP, if you are able: The Altar Guild requests your help, **Monday, December 23**, at 4:30 pm to decorate the church for Christmas.

UTO Prayer



Thank you, God, for all you have done for me in the past year.

Thank you for the days & nights, in which you have spoken to me, blessed me, provided for me, protected me, comforted me, healed me and give me strength.

Thank you, God, for reminding me to trust in you with my life.

Ronald McDonald House

Keep pulling those Tabs!

Put out a container for all those Holiday parties & collect can tabs.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS CONTINUED



November 23, 2019 Wine Educational Fundraising Event Results

The 10th wine educational fundraising event was our most successful to date in terms of number of attendees and net proceeds at 71 and \$2,452.37 respectively. Thank you to Cyrus D and Bill P for your efforts in organizing a successful event featuring Sicilian wines.

Please note: the per person cost for food and wine served was \$16.18 for this event. The difference between the wine/food served donation and the \$16.18 cost per person is the tax deductible contribution per donor.

Suzanne Palmer

DEACON'S REFLECTIONS

Back in May, after I donated mom's sewing machine to refugee agency, US Together, I started thinking about who might receive it. Maybe a mom with a couple kids, newly arrived and using the machine to make clothing. Or a naturalized citizen starting a small business. My excitement began to mount when they called to ask if I'd instruct a new refugee on using the old Singer. Cool, I'll get to meet her!

Well, it wasn't as I expected. "She" turned out to be Mouna, a young man in his mid 20's and Louise, his mom. They'd arrived from a refugee camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo; he knew how to sew, and was going to use the machine to make items for sale. So, one afternoon in November, I went to his home, with the caseworker, and taught him how to thread the machine, find various settings, put on the zipper foot and fill the bobbin – all via an interpreter. I was impressed to see his meticulous technique, but suggested that he sew more slowly to avoid jamming – "PullaPulla" the interpreter said in Swahili. We all smiled at that and ended up repeating it a few times. I left feeling confident in his skill but aware of his challenges. Mouna and his mom remain in my prayers.

I've been thinking about them and how they weren't what I'd expected, and how irrelevant my expectations turned out to be. If you think about it, maybe I wasn't what they'd expected. But that day, we were a step on each other's journeys, going forward.

Anne

RECIPE CORNER



Super-Easy Blueberry Almond Tart

Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients

1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
1 egg white, whisked
1 batch cream cheese spread/glaze (see below)
2 cups fresh blueberries
1 cup Almonds, roughly-chopped
2/3 cup toasted coconut flakes
Cream Cheese Spread/Glaze
1/2 cup low-fat cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup non-fat plain Greek yogurt
2-3 tablespoons honey (add more/less to taste)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract, store-bought or homemade
(add later: 1-3 teaspoons milk)

Directions

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, and set aside.

Lay out the thawed puff pastry sheet on a floured surface, and gently use a rolling pin to even out the creases and roll it out until it forms about an 11 x 18-inch rectangle.

Transfer the puff pastry to the prepared baking sheet. Use a knife to score a very thin border around the outside of puff pastry. Then use a fork to poke lots of holes into middle of pastry, to minimize inflation. Use a pastry brush to brush the whisked egg whites all over the top of the puff pastry. Then transfer it to the oven and bake according to package directions until it turns golden, about 10-12 minutes, keeping an eye on it while baking to be sure that it doesn't puff up. (If it does, just pull it out of the oven and use a spatula to pat it back down until it's flat, repeating if needed.) Remove and let cool for 5 minutes.

While the puff pastry is baking, prepare your cream cheese spread, reserving part of it (as directed below) to make a glaze. Once the puff pastry is ready, spread the cream cheese spread evenly on top of the pastry. Then sprinkle the fresh blueberries, blueberry almonds, and toasted coconut evenly on top of the cream cheese. Drizzle the glaze evenly on top. Slice and serve immediately.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE for JANUARY, 2020

	JAN 1	JAN 5	JAN 12	JAN 19	JAN 26
ALTAR GUILD	Linda S	Judy H Cheryl	Jeanne Pat	Nancy Sandy	Judy Cheryl
*ACOLYTES		Mike H Ellie D	Karen R Carlene	Cheryl Ella	Pat Karen R
HOSPITALITY		Bill Allen	Nancy-Anne Lois	Marjorie Jim	Jeanne Dick
GREETERS		Kathleen	Linda	Joan	Louise
USHERS		Cheryl Philip	Cheryl Mike	Mike Philip	Cheryl Mike
COUNTERS		Nancy-Anne Bill	Jim Mike	Jim Bill	Nancy-Anne Mike
SEASON	Holy Name of Jesus	2nd Sunday after Christmas	1st Sunday after Epiphany	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	3rd Sunday after Epiphany
	Rite II	Lessons & Carols	Morning Prayer	Rite II	Rite II
CHALICE BEARER	Nancy-Anne		Marjorie	Cheryl	Marjorie
1ST LESSON	Peter		Judy	Nancy-Anne	Judy
2ND LESSON	Linda		Suzanne	Judy	Maureen
INTERCESSOR	Nancy-Anne		Bill	Jim	Marjorie
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Any changes made to this schedule must be made to the copy above Karen's desk, also.

If you are unable to serve, please call someone on the list to change and notify the appropriate leader.

Acolytes: it is imperative that you arrange any trade of dates. This is your responsibility.

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<div>1</div> <div>New Year's Day</div> <div>10:30 a Holy Eucharist</div>	<div>2</div> <div>7:00 p Vestry meeting</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>8:00 p AA meeting</div>
<div>5</div> <div>8:30 a Lessons & Carols</div> <div>10:30 a Lessons & Carols</div> <div>5:00 p Eat, Sing, Pray</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Noon AA Meeting</div> <div>8:00 p AA Meeting</div>	<div>8</div> <div>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:00 p AA meeting</div>
<div>12</div> <div>8:30 a Morning Prayer</div> <div>10:30 a Morning Prayer</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Noon AA Meeting</div> <div>8:00 p AA Meeting</div>	<div>15</div> <div>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Noon Heinen's Group</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div>8:00 p AA meeting</div>
<div>19</div> <div>2 Cents a Meal</div> <div>8:30 a Holy Eucharist</div> <div>10:30 a Holy Eucharist</div> <div>2:00 p, Nursing Home service</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Martin Luther King Day</div> <div>9:00 a Tidings deadline</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Noon AA Meeting</div> <div>8:00 p AA Meeting</div>	<div>22</div> <div>6:00 p Potluck Program</div> <div>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div>8:00 p AA meeting</div>
<div>26</div> <div>8:30 a Holy Eucharist</div> <div>10:30 a Holy Eucharist</div> <div>11:45 a Annual Meeting & Luncheon</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Noon AA Meeting</div> <div>8:00 p AA Meeting</div>	<div>29</div> <div>6:00 p Potluck Program</div> <div>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>	