

# December 2016

## The Piper

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Monthly Newsletter



### Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken service  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II Choral Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Church School – *Sept.- May*  
11:10 a.m. Coffee Hour

The Rev. Tommy Thompson, Rector  
Kathy Dilenschneider,  
Director, Children's and Youth Ministries  
Zachery von Menchhofen, *CAGO*  
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### Our Vision

To be a beacon in the community, calling our members and our neighbors to:  
Worship – Giving thanks for Christ's Love  
Education – Learning about Christ's Love  
Leadership – Demonstrating Christ's Love  
Music – Glorifying Christ's Love  
Evangelism – Spreading Christ's Love  
Stewardship – Responding to Christ's Love  
Community – Coming together in Christ's Love  
Outreach – Serving others through Christ's Love

**Our Mission:** St. Andrew's is a joyful community of God's faithful people transforming lives by growing in Christ's love and shining His light into the world through prayer, worship and service to all.

### DECEMBER 4, ADVENT II

St. Andrew's Day  
Choir Practice 9a.m.  
Treble Choir 9:15a.m.  
Tree Trimming 11am

### DECEMBER 11, ADVENT III

8:00 a.m. Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Rite II  
4:30 p.m. Fr. Tommy Ordination  
Reception to follow

### DECEMBER 18, ADVENT IV

Choir 9:00 a.m.  
Treble Choir 9:15a.m.  
Church School 10:00 a.m.

### DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Service - 4:00 pm  
Candlelight Service-5:30 pm and 9:00pm

### DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Rite II  
*No childcare*

*From the Rector's Study*  
*The Rev. Tommy Thompson*

**The King is Coming: An Advent Reflection**

Advent is here: a time of eager anticipation for the coming of the fullness of God through the awaited Messiah of Israel. And whenever someone important is coming, we must prepare. When family comes to visit we don't leave the house unkempt but make special effort to have it be an extension of our welcome and an overflow of our love for those we expect. And the guest we expect this advent isn't just any body. No - it is the king of the ages, the Alpha and the Omega, The Lord of all creation. How do we prepare for such royal arrival?!

We are in luck because the prophets have foretold beforehand what we should expect when this king arrives. He will bring shalom/peace/wholeness like the world has never known. Through his righteous reign, justice will be reality on earth. No longer will the fat and powerful devour the meek and lowly. No, the tables are being turned upside down (or maybe even back right-side up). The way we've been taught to understand the world will be no more. In this kingdom, the lamb need not fear the wolf, nor the calf fear the mighty lion. In this kingdom the cow and the bear now graze together in perpetual celebration of creation once marred by human sin now freed to flourish through the glory of God that will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. In this kingdom, power isn't defined by who has the most money, the most land, the biggest guns, the most destructive weapons. In Gods kingdom, true power is revealed and true power rest in the vulnerable trust of a child who knows and understands utter dependence and relationship for life. For indeed, "a little child shall lead these all."

As we wait patiently and expectantly for such a king who will bring to fruition such a kingdom, may we find ourselves making this future world present in the here-and-now by the power of God's spirit engendering love and righteousness among us as God's precious and chosen people. This world God has created, blessed, and named as good, very good, is beloved by its Creator: our king will not give up on us / on it. He will restore it, renew it and transform everything that is contrary to His rule and His way. His glory will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

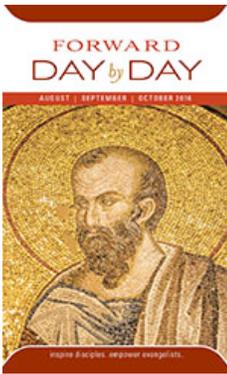
A challenge for us this Advent: How can God use me to be a living sacrament (a tangible and visible expression) of this future alternative kingdom in my present context?

With Blessings for A Faithful Advent,



Father Tommy

## **Rector's Warden Jennifer Cordivari**



I don't know why I picked up my first copy of Forward Day by Day. Maybe because I'm an avid reader. Perhaps because the cover was a work of art that struck me, as they often do. I started reading the daily meditations on scriptures years ago. Some days the passages speak volumes to me, like the one on September 11, 2001 that I read over and over. Other days, the meaning is obscured to my level of comprehension. I could be too distracted by daily life or not have enough background to appreciate the author's intent. Regardless, there is always something of import to be gained when I persist and focus on the writer's message. A small vignette from the author's life might have a parallel with my own, or perhaps there is no connection but our shared faith. Once when I was in Phoenix I stopped by the church where an author I'd enjoyed for several months served as rector. He wasn't in his office, but I asked the parish administrator to let him know how much I enjoyed his writing. After reading his work for several months, I felt like I knew him. Although committed, sometimes I fall short. The little pamphlet-sized booklet is small enough to throw in a suitcase; yet on some vacations I've let it slide. When I get back in my daily routine, it's like I've hit my stride again. If you've eyed those little booklets and wondered if they might be for you, take a peek. Try a month or two in print or even online at [www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org). I hope you find it as fulfilling as I do.

## **Accounting Warden Chris Bastian**

### **October income statement:**

\* Total Revenue in October was \$28,949

\$26,530 was Giving

\$1,600 was Sale of Graves

\$425 was Building rental

\$394 was Investment income

\* Total Expenses in October were \$31,557

\$21,591 was Personnel

\$5,714 was Building & Grounds

\$3,075 was Programs & Administration

\$1,111 was Outreach

\$66 was New Rector Search

\* The monthly deficit (Revenue minus Expenses) is (\$2,608)

\* The year-to-date (January-October) deficit is (\$4,114)

\* This year-to-date deficit compares to last October's surplus of \$1,208

Please keep your pledges coming in, so that we can make up this deficit.

### **October balance sheet:**

\* Total Assets are \$3,697,201

\$65,217 in Checking

\$81,931 in Money Markets

\$6,718 in Loan Receivable

\$792,933 in Long Term Investments

\$2,750,402 in Land & Building

\* Total Liabilities are \$5,799

\$5,799 in Other Current Liabilities (e.g. accrued expenses)

\* Total Fund Principal (Total Assets minus Total Liabilities) is \$3,691,402

## Building and Grounds Committee Jeff Herrera

I would like to thank all of those that came out to this year's Fall Cleanup! We waited a little longer than in years past to ensure most of the leaves had fallen and the work would not need repeating, so we had a lot of debris to move. They say it takes a village to raise a family, well it also takes a village to maintain a historical church property and our St. Andrews family never disappoints.

I, like many others, love the changing of the seasons as it reminds me that life is a cycle and new growth will continue to spring forth again. St. Andrews has always been at its most peaceful

during these times of year when, although the landscape around us has taken a sudden change, St. Andrews remains a stalwart reminder that our community is always there with open arms. As we move into the winter months, you may notice that the gravestone repairs are coming to completion and our grounds are ready for the winter slumber. Inside the church, we continue to make small repairs and have a few planned improvements. As always, let me know if you see any maintenance item that need to be addressed and we will be sure to get it fixed.

## Wednesday Night Book Group Pam Bennett



**On December 7<sup>th</sup>** we will discuss “*The Nightingale*” by Kristin Hannah.

The book group will be meeting at 6:30pm at Ludwig's Inn for their Dec. meeting. Please confirm your attendance so Pam can let Ludwig's know. Pam [prbcallig@verizon.net](mailto:prbcallig@verizon.net)



**For January 4, 2017** our discussion will be *Quiet*, the power of introverts in a world that can't stop talking by Susan Cain.

Passionately argued, impressively researched, and filled with the indelible stories of real people, *Quiet* shows how dramatically we undervalue introverts, and how much we lose in doing so. Susan Cain charts the rise of "the extrovert ideal" over the twentieth century and explores its far-reaching effects--how it helps to determine everything from how parishioners worship to who excels at Harvard Business School. And she draws on cutting-edge research on the biology and psychology of temperament to reveal how introverts can modulate their personalities according to circumstance, how to empower an introverted child, and how companies can harness the natural talents of introverts. This extraordinary book has the power to permanently change how we see introverts and, equally important, how they see themselves.



**On February 4<sup>th</sup> 2017** we will discuss *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney.

A warm, funny and acutely perceptive debut novel about four adult siblings and the fate of the shared inheritance that has shaped their choices and their lives. Copies from a “Book club in a bag” from Hankin Library will be available on January 4<sup>th</sup>. For more info please contact Pam [prbcallig@verizon.net](mailto:prbcallig@verizon.net) or Anne [algayl@verizon.net](mailto:algayl@verizon.net), and we look forward to seeing you at 7:00 pm in the Werner Room.

## **Membership CiCi Lebling**

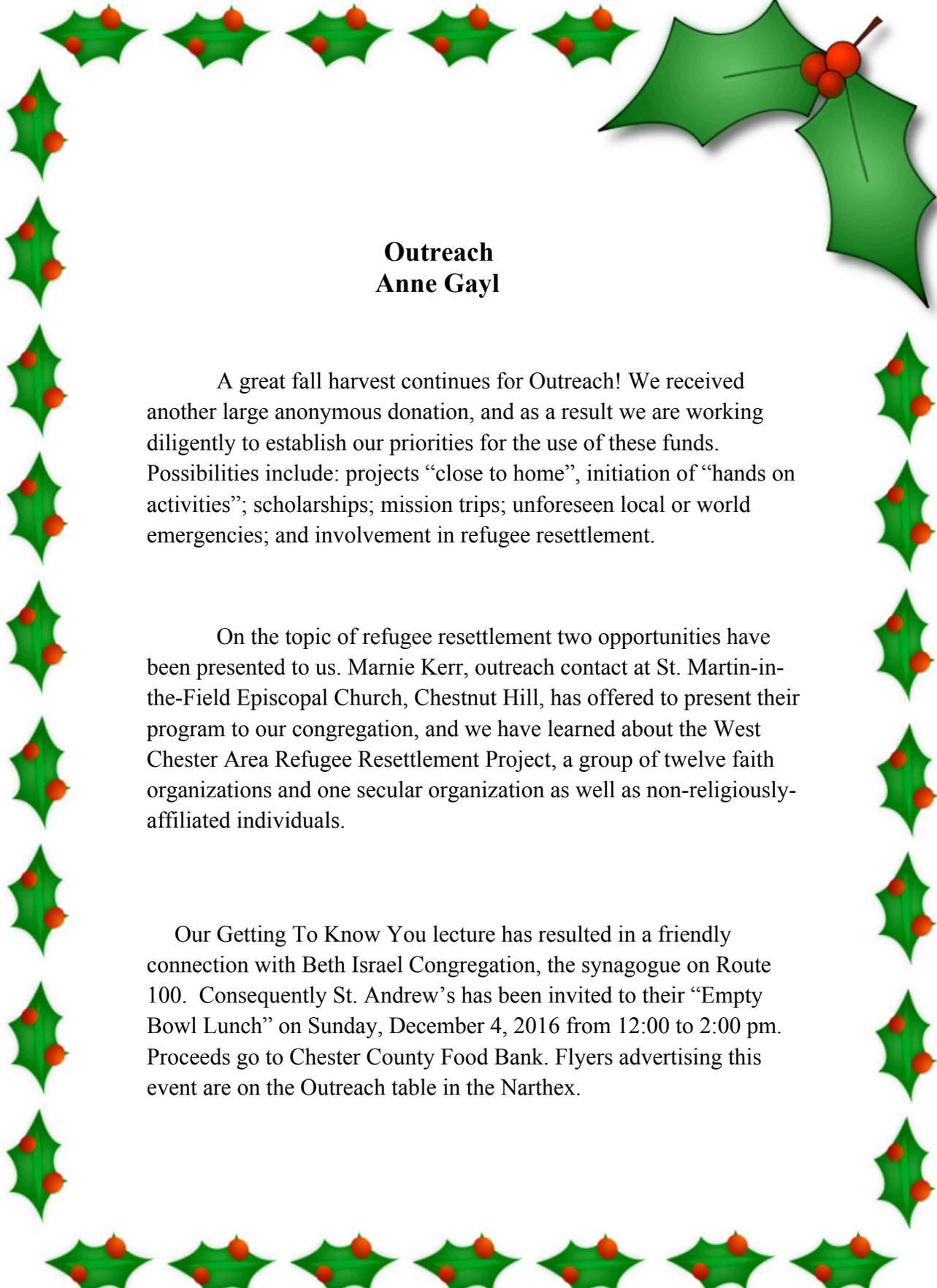
With the holidays upon us, I wish you a very Merry Christmas. There is lots of excitement for December, especially for Tommy Thompson's ordination. The members are thrilled and thankful to have you and your family here, Father Tommy!

I hope the names tags have been helpful to everyone. If you have misplaced yours or need a name correction, please let me know and I am happy to reprint!

As for our marketing efforts, we are developing a partnership with Pickering Valley Feed and Farm. They are a store that has anything you need for your pets – from a fish to a horse- as well as landscaping products. Their motto is “The Only Place Noah Could Shop.” We proposed a register- to- win sponsored by St. Andrew's Church - who loves all creatures great and small. This should be up and running in December. This would enable us to have signage in their store and establish a feel good message. Pickering Valley Feed and Farm is located near the corner of Rt 100 and 113 in Lionville. This store draws customers from our same foot print that we have parishioners. It's a great fit. This will help with name awareness and recognition in the community. Hopefully it will be up and running for December – if not, then early next year.

For further name recognition, I will be changing out the fliers with updated ones featuring our Christmas service times. These fliers are at several local business community boards: Lionville YMCA, Christian Family store, Henrietta Hankin Library, Malvern Federal and a couple local playgrounds.





## **Outreach Anne Gayl**

A great fall harvest continues for Outreach! We received another large anonymous donation, and as a result we are working diligently to establish our priorities for the use of these funds. Possibilities include: projects “close to home”, initiation of “hands on activities”; scholarships; mission trips; unforeseen local or world emergencies; and involvement in refugee resettlement.

On the topic of refugee resettlement two opportunities have been presented to us. Marnie Kerr, outreach contact at St. Martin-in-the-Field Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill, has offered to present their program to our congregation, and we have learned about the West Chester Area Refugee Resettlement Project, a group of twelve faith organizations and one secular organization as well as non-religiously-affiliated individuals.

Our Getting To Know You lecture has resulted in a friendly connection with Beth Israel Congregation, the synagogue on Route 100. Consequently St. Andrew’s has been invited to their “Empty Bowl Lunch” on Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Proceeds go to Chester County Food Bank. Flyers advertising this event are on the Outreach table in the Narthex.

***Outreach's next lecture:***

## **The Two Faces of Chester County**

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7pm – 9pm

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church / 7 St. Andrew's Lane / Glenmoore, PA 19343



**Come out and join us for a discussion on homelessness in Chester County, PA and hear about the many different strategies for dealing with it.**

Our panel will consist of:

**Lauren E. Campbell, PMP**

Decade to Doorways Administrator  
Chester County Department of Community Development

**Dolores S. Colligan**

Deputy Director  
Chester County Department of Community Development

**Gina Ruggieri, LSW**

Director of Programs  
Open Hearth, Inc.  
[www.openhearthinc.org](http://www.openhearthinc.org)

**Craig Wiley**

Program Manager – Supportive Services For Veteran Families  
(SSVF - CMD)  
Bucks, Chester, Delaware & Montgomery Counties  
Veterans Multi-Service Center, Inc.

- On any given night in Chester County, 682 people experience homelessness.
- This past year alone, 350 people that went through the system were under the age of 17.
- 51% of people calling ConnectPoints (the single point of entry into the shelter system) in need of emergency shelter are being turned away.

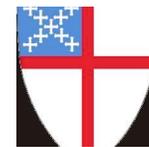
~ St. Andrews is located behind Ludwig's Inn & Oyster Bar, Routes 401 and 100, Ludwig's Corner

~ Light refreshments after the discussion.

~ Free Will Offering Graciously Accepted

~ For more information, please contact Robert Cordivari at [rcordivari@gmail.com](mailto:rcordivari@gmail.com)

~ This discussion is hosted by the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Outreach Committee as part of its ongoing Lecture Series.



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**A View from the “Loft”**  
**Zack von Menchhofen, CAGO**  
**Choirmaster/Organist**



Since September, twice a month, the men of St. Andrew's have been invited to sing together after the coffee hour. This may not seem like a huge event, but it is. Men in our society don't sing much anymore (unless they are famous "artists"), and definitely not together. The main purpose of these sing-events is to teach men to use their voices and to sing on pitch. Together we sing basic chorales (hymns) of the church. There is no choir recruitment and no recruitment to sing at all

outside of these sessions. Just sing and to sing together for this half hour. And believe it or not, attendance has been really good. Most recently, six gentlemen from the congregation have joined in – so they do not sing alone (If you are a man interested in singing, join us on the 2nd and 4th Sundays after coffee hour).

Lots of men use the excuse, "I'm tone deaf" as a reason not to sing. But there is no such thing as tone deafness. If you were truly tone deaf, you would not know when to shift the gears in your car, you wouldn't be able to hear the inflection in a person's voice indicating a question, you wouldn't be able to tell if an ambulance was coming or going, as well as a whole host of other situations in which tone/pitch informs you about your world. However, most people now-a-days are not taught to translate the pitch that they hear in their minds to their mouths. And so I am endeavoring to teach the men of the church to sing.

But this is my December Piper Article, shouldn't I be writing about Christmas? Ok. Let me tell you about some gifts by telling you what I've learned teaching the men to sing.

First, I love to teach music. When I was a teenager, I eschewed the thought of going to school to be a music teacher. Lots of people used that old phrase: Those that can't do, teach. I've discovered that that isn't true – not in the least! You have to be able to do, and do well, to be able to teach and explain to others. And when I see the light of understanding appear in the eyes of someone that I'm explaining something to – that is a gift. It truly is a gift to be able to teach. We should all thank our teachers that toiled to explain so that we could understand.

Second, while the men of the church are not going to go out tomorrow and joining an opera chorus, they have great power and strength to their voices when they sing out and sing on pitch! And this is a gift to me because I love to hear people singing. Organists are a different kind of musician. We have to balance the work of being a performer and a being the lead "voice" in a service. Do I want you to listen (performer) or do I want you to sing (lead)? I love the organ as an instrument. I love to hear the singing of the congregation. And to be able to do both with all of you is a gift.

Third, they have shown me that what I learned, that everyone can sing, is true. And being sure of what you have learned in life is also a gift.

Do you remember that story of the lost sheep or the lost coin from Luke 15:1-10? What rejoicing there is when something that is lost is found. When you all sing – the men, the choir, the congregation – when there is singing in the church I know that my work is not in vain. It is as if, by helping you to find your voice, I have found something that I did not realize that I had lost but it is lost no more and my heart rejoices.

So thank you. The greatest gift that I can receive this Christmas season is being able to offer music to the glory of God and also to you as a refreshment for your soul and to have you return that gift of music to me over and over again this season and throughout the year.

## Children's and Youth Ministries Kathy Dilenschneider



**All Parish Christmas Tree Trimming Event** – We invite the entire parish to join us on **Sunday December 4th during coffee hour** to make ornaments and trim our freshly cut Christmas tree. Many thanks to Windridge Farm for donating the tree. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Please join us for the fun and fellowship!

### **Sunday School Schedule Notes**

- No Sunday school classes or childcare on Christmas Day Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>.
- No Sunday school classes on New Year's Day Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017; childcare will be available
- Classes resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

### **Treble Choir**

The Treble Choir will lead the singing on **Christmas Eve during the 4:00 p.m. service.** The choir will take a two week break after Christmas. There will be **no rehearsals on Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>.** Rehearsal will resume on **Sunday January 8, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.**



The annual **St Andrew's Christmas Pageant** is scheduled for **Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Planning is underway. Check future bulletins for more information.



# Worship Leaders –December

	<i>December 4</i>	<i>December 11</i>	<i>December 18</i>	<i>December 24</i>	<i>December 25</i>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Taylor Mason Hannah Thompson	Emma Campagna Harry Whaley	Rebekah Campagna Ben Mason	TBD	TBD
<b>Chalice</b> 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Bob Bardwell Burt Todd	Adam Rogers John Wenner	Bob Bardwell Chris Bastian	Matt Haverstick 4pm Bob Bardwell 5:30pm Geoff McConnell 9pm	TBD
<b>Lectors</b> 10:00 AM	Burt Todd Martha Thomae	John Wenner Burt Todd	Chris Bastian John Wenner	Adam Rogers 4pm Bill Koch 5:30pm Pam Bennett 9pm	TBD
<b>Ushers</b> 10:00 AM	Mary Volk Lee Erickson	Jennifer & Rob Cordivari	CiCi & Tim Lebling	Cordivari's 4pm Burt Todd 9pm	None
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathy Hassinger Judy Erickson Dru Kring Jennifer Hillegas	Martha Thomae Sara Shick Mary Volk Helen Mastony Julie Geer	Nancy Christ Evie Baird Margie Gebert Nina Baur	All Altar Guild Members	Joan Bradford Christine Whaley Kathy Cobb Dotti Atwater
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Tree Trimming	Ordination Reception			
<b>Counters</b>	Don Castagna Geoff McConnell	Jackie Irey Judy & Lee Erickson	Don Castagna Jackie Irey	<i>Merry Christmas</i>	Jackie Irey Judy & Lee Erickson

## December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> M&R 7:30pm Choir Practice 7:15pm  <i>Patrick Spencer</i> <i>Mandy DeMattia</i>	<b>2</b> MA 7:30pm Cello & Piano Concert 8pm Upper Hall	<b>3</b>   <i>Craig Hurtt</i> <i>Margie Gebert</i>
<b>4</b> St. Andrew's Day Choir Practice 9am Treble Choir 9:15am Tree Trimming 11am	<b>5</b>   <i>Ethan Nolan</i>	<b>6</b> NA 7:30pm Lecture Series 7-9   <i>Irene Castagna</i>	<b>7</b> AA 7:30pm Book Group 6:30pm Ludwig's Inn   <i>Andrew Elliott</i>	<b>8</b> M&R 7:30pm Choir Practice 7:15pm   <i>Martha Thomae</i>	<b>9</b> MA 7:30pm   <i>Dillon Claffey</i>	<b>10</b> Ordination Rehearsal 3pm
<b>11</b> 8am & 10am Services 4:30 Ordination Reception to follow   <i>Chris Cassella</i>	<b>12</b>   	<b>13</b> NA 7:30pm   <i>Will Gelches</i>	<b>14</b> AA 7:30pm   <i>Rebecca Bogusz</i> <i>Marisa Stoltzfus</i>	<b>15</b> M&R 7:30pm Choir Practice 7:15pm   <i>Rose Koch</i> <i>Kimberly Camp</i>	<b>16</b> MA 7:30pm   <i>Christopher Hurtt</i>	<b>17</b> Atkinson Dinner 5pm   <i>Bradley Kellogg</i>
<b>18</b>   	<b>19</b>   	<b>20</b> NA 7:30pm   <i>Patricia Coates</i>	<b>21</b> AA 7:30pm Vestry 7:15pm   	<b>22</b> M&R 7:30pm <b>Office closing at Noon</b> Choir Practice 7:15pm   <i>Josie Funaro</i>	<b>23</b> MA 7:30pm <b>Office Closed</b>   <i>Susan Harvard</i> <i>Madeline Gebert</i>	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> Family Service 4pm Candlelight 5:30 & 9   <i>Judy Elliott</i>
<b>25</b> Christmas Day 10:00 am service only <i>no childcare</i>	<b>26</b> Office Closed   <i>Ted Rausch</i> <i>Barbara Johnson</i>	<b>27</b> NA 7:30pm   	<b>28</b> AA 7:30pm   <i>Paul Funaro</i>	<b>29</b> M&R 7:30pm Choir Practice 7:15pm   <i>Jennifer Cordivari</i>	<b>30</b> MA 7:30pm   <i>Helen Farnham</i>	<b>31</b>   <i>Carolyn MacFarland</i>

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***Christmas Eve Services- 4:00 pm Children's Service  
5:30 pm/9:00pm Candlelight Services  
Christmas Day 10:00 am Rite II***

