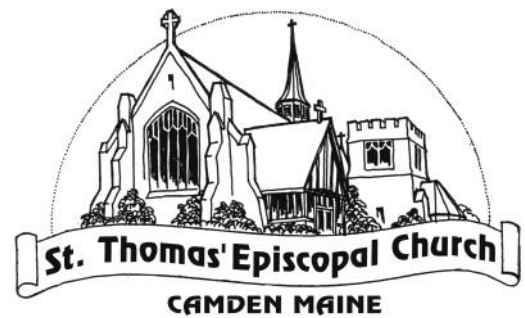


S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, December 10, 2017
The Second Sunday in Advent

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. May this place be like home to you! All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this altar. Members of our prayer ministry are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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Advent Forum

Our Advent Forum continues this morning following the 9:30 service. It is entitled *The Way, the Truth and the Life*. Brother Donovan, Rev. Lisa and Deacon Rosalee will each take a class to talk about what Way, Truth and Life mean to us in context of our Christian faith. Then the discussion begins! Don't miss this chance to 'Question in Faith'. We'll meet in the Guild Room.

Spaghetti and Pageant This Thursday



Join the fun at the Spaghetti Supper Thursday, December 14 at 5:30 pm. We will be using a new pageant this year called *The Paper Bag Pageant*. It's designed so everyone can participate, children and adults, parishioners and newcomers. For this pageant, simple costume pieces need to be available for all who wish to participate; they are easy and fun to assemble. So--we will have a spaghetti supper next Thursday night at 5:30 pm and everyone is invited, especially the families whose children will want to participate in pageant at the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service. St. Thomas' will provide the spaghetti, salad and bread, and we ask those who come to bring a dessert if they can.

Christmas Fair Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who participated in any way for our annual Christmas Fair! People sewed, baked, brought items to sell, made crafts and beautiful handmade items, set up, cleaned up, tagged, greeted people at the door, served coffee and cider, and ran the check-out. It truly takes a village to have such a great time! Thank you. Special thanks to the women who headed the

Henry Jalbert

Henry Jalbert, who served as sexton of this parish for over 25 years, passed away on Sunday, December 3. He retired from St. Thomas' in 2002. Henry was a master carpenter and many of the cabinets in our church building were designed and built by him during his tenure. He also was a very competent pianist. In September 2016 he shared some of his memories of St. Thomas' in a *Chapter and Verse* article. The date of his funeral will be announced. **May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.**



tables: Evie Bridges, Anne Ayers, Kate Jackson, Ruth Tolman, Pat Ayers, and Terry Bunger and George Jones. Thank you, all of you.

Lisa+

Greening of the Church



We will be greening the church on Sunday, December 17 following the 9:30 service. All are welcome to come and help!

Food Pantry Begins Capital Campaign

Thank you all for your past support of The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry. The Pantry is running out of room for both dry goods and cold storage and needs to expand. The expansion is expected to cost approximately \$100,000. They have set a goal of raising \$50,000 over the next 12 months from a number of sources. These include seeking capital grants, donations from local organizations and businesses, contributions from the towns they serve, and from the five churches that make up their Board. Please consider making a donation to this important and worthy cause as we focus on helping our neighbors in need. All contributions are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged by a letter of thanks and a receipt. Thank you. Please send your tax-deductible donations to:

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry -
2017 Capital Campaign
Post Office Box 337
Camden, Maine 04843

Christmas Flowers

Christmas flower donations are now being accepted. These can be in memory of a loved one or in honor of or in thanksgiving for someone or some place. Specially marked envelopes have been placed in the pew racks for your use.

Today's Music

What is the meaning of all these "S" numbers? This designates that it is Service Music (e.g., Gloria, Trisagion, Kyrie, Sanctus, etc.) The hymnals we have in our pews have only the hymns. This is why we have to use the *pew cards*, those laminated half-page sheets

we put in the hymnals in the pews. Each time we move into a different season of the liturgical year and we change the service music, we have to remove the pew cards and replace them with the new one. It is labor-intensive! Some folks have *The Hymnal 1982*; that is why we include the S-102, S-120, S-114 and S-158 numbers should they want to look up the Service Music, mark those pages, and sing from their hymnals.

Freu dich sehr is the 17th century German tune which is the basis for today's prelude by Johann Pachelbel (German, 1653-1706) as well as the communion voluntary by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (German, 1877-1933). Next week we will sing this tune in Hymn 67, *Comfort, comfort ye my people*; it is another widely traveled hymn tune which made its way via *The Genevan Psalter* and Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561) who is the probable composer/arranger. The tune name in our hymnal is also reflective of this: *Psalm 42*.

Ed Shindle sings an exquisite song, *Prayer*, which started life as a poem by Mikhail Lermontov (Russian, 1814-1841), was translated into German, then set to music by Franz Liszt (Hungarian, 1811-1886). Our entrance hymn, *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*, is probably one of the most widely used Advent hymns. The text was written by Charles Coffin (1676-1749) as an Advent text: the tune started out in Germany in 1690, made its way across the pond where John Wesley included it in a 1742 publication, then bounced around as a tune in triple meter (3 beats to a measure, which apparently was favored by the Methodists), then taken up by William Henry Havergal, which is mostly the version we sing today. Whew!

Herald, sound the note of judgment, our sequence hymn, is an exciting text which underscores not only the message from the Gospel of Mark, but Isaiah and 2 Peter too. Robert J. Powell (American, b. 1932) created an equally exciting tune for this. During communion we sing a 10th century Advent hymn, *O heavenly Word, eternal Light*; using the 12th century French plainchant, *Verbum supernum prodiens*. The postlude by Gerald Near (American, b. 1942) sounds out this plainchant very loudly on the organ trumpets. A truly fitting way to bring this worship on the Second Sunday in Advent to a close!

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Prayer List

We celebrate those members who birthdays are this week: Eileen Morelli (December 10), John Doncaster, Barbara Jackson (December 16). Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Ron, Andrew, Jean Harper, Jane Hards, Joanne Scott, Nancy Soderberg, Missie Stone, Tiffany Andrews, Stormy Bok, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Brian Fitzpatrick, Cara, Risa, The Jackson family, Chris, Janan Vaughn, Peg.

Next Sunday

December 17, 2017

The Third Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Paul Holman, Jane Schroeder; **Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayers; **Usher:** Carlos Mello.

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** David Manning; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Jan Dolcater, Roy Gilley; **Prayers of the People:** Jane Schroeder; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert....

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11:00 am—Advent Forum—Guild Room

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, December 11

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 am—Xi Gong class—Green Room

6:30 pm—OA meeting—Library

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, December 13

**9:30 am—Holy Eucharist and
Healing Service—Chapel**

10:00 am—Fellowship Time
—Sun Room

10:30 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

2:40 pm—EfM Conference Room

6:00 pm—VoXX Rehearsal

—Parish Hall, Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, December 14

4:30 pm—Spaghetti Dinner—Parish Hall

5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal
—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, December 15

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Saturday, December 16

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