

Thank you,
Lord!



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STEVE-ADORE**

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DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 4TH

Turn your clocks back one hour!

ENERGY NEEDS ENVELOPES

In this newsletter, you will find an envelope marked ENERGY. Please use it some time in November to help contribute to the cost of heating the church. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.



CRAFT SHOW QUILT

The quilt is now hanging in the parish hall. Stop by and take a look at it! It is a beautiful "*Herringbone*" queen size quilt...wouldn't it look great on your bed? Quilt tickets will be mailed to each parishioner. Please remember to return your ticket stubs and your money to the church office by November 28th. There are extra tickets to sell if you would be able to do so. Please contact the office. Don't miss this chance to win this gorgeous quilt for your home.

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SENIOR WARDEN'S MESSAGE

Jn August, two events occurred that seemed related only by time. They blend well together to form the basis of this month's message. The first event was Vacation Bible School. Tom and I were first time teachers this year, and we found it quite rewarding. Throughout the week, we taught the children to Plunge into Obedience, Worship, Courage, Faith, and Service. Each day, we gave the children a new verse to learn. Often, in the evening as we prepared for the next day, I mentioned to Tom, "I need to learn this lesson!" We found that we needed to hear principles found in God's word refreshed in our hearts and minds.

After VBS was over, we took a trip to Portland, OR to visit our twin grandsons, who are four years old. They are quite active and curious. They are at the stage where they repeat almost everything they hear from grown ups. We spent two days and one night camping in a rustic cabin at Lost Lake, at the base of Mt. Hood. We enjoyed walking through the woods, collecting huckleberries, paddle boating and teaching the boys how to cast a fishing line. The nights were quite chilly. In the morning, PopPop decided we needed a fire in the wood burning stove and in the fireplace. The boys helped me collect twigs and pine cones from the woods and get firewood from a nearby shed. As we returned to the cabin, they were very enthusiastic about this adventure. They wanted to throw everything into the fireplace and light a match. Finally, PopPop stopped them and said, "Remember boys, preparation is everything." With that, there came two high pitched echoes—"Preparation is everything." "Preparation is everything." It was quite amusing, but we took it as an opportunity to teach them lessons about preparation throughout the rest of our stay. I hope they will remember the lessons their whole lives.

Think about how that concept applies to our spiritual lives! The story of the ten virgins comes immediately to mind (Matthew 25:1-13). How do we prepare ourselves for that glorious day when we meet our Lord? This is where the VBS theme comes in: we prepare ourselves by plunging into Obedience, Worship, Courage, Faith and Service. What

does preparation mean for us as a church family during this difficult time in the life of our church? It means remaining obedient to the scripture no matter what the cost. It means being more diligent about our worship habits with our church family. If you cannot attend Mass on Sunday because of other obligations, there are plenty of other worship opportunities—the Tuesday Healing Mass or Evening prayer Tuesdays through Fridays. Preparing our spiritual selves means having courage and faith that God will work his purpose in the church even during these trying times while we are without a priest, and while we hear threats of schism. We need to trust that God will work his purpose in and through us. He will guide us in the right path, even though we can only see a step or two ahead (Matthew 6:25-34). As we trust, worship and obey, let us not forget to serve those around us in any way we can. Service to others may be as simple as remembering them in daily prayer. It may mean helping buy groceries or performing other tasks. Let us not be afraid or ashamed of taking the servant role to those who need our care (Galatians 5:13-15). Scripture also teaches us how we should treat members of our own church family (Galatians 6:1- 10). So remember as you think about the future of your soul: “Preparation is everything!”

The past month in review:

The Food Bank has been busy and will become even busier in the next few months. Karen will need donations of stuffing, canned gravy, cranberry sauce, pie crust mix and pumpkin pie filling for the holiday meals we provide to families. We will also need help sorting and shelving food collected by the Scouts. During the month of December, we will need helpers to hand out gifts for the children of our families. **Remember the sign up sheets for Christmas gifts are now posted on the bulletin board near the library. Please help provide some Christmas cheer for our families.**

The Cub Scout pack is beginning to work on merit badges. They will be selling popcorn and they plan to have a table at the Craft Show. They would like parishioners to bake things for their baked goods table.

The Pig Roast, sponsored by the Stewardship committee, took place on October 7. Approximately 75 people attended. We hope you'll join us on November 17 at 7 p.m. for a night of Movies and Popcorn.

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TWO DISCIPLES

By Michael Metro

In the Gospel of John (Jn. 12:1 – 8), the disciple who anoints Jesus is Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. We are told the perfumed oil she used was worth a year's wages for an ordinary worker. It was, therefore, quite an extravagance for Mary to pour a year's wages worth of perfumed oil on Jesus' feet. Her act might have meant her using up her life's savings in one great gesture of love.

The other disciple who plays a prominent role in this incident is Judas. His words of concern for the poor were hypocritical: He simply wanted more money to flow into the common purse so that he could divert more into his own pocket. His greed would ultimately lead him to ask the enemies of Jesus *"how much are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?"*

What a contrast! One disciple gives to Jesus with reckless abandon; another disciple steals from Jesus and the poor. One has no thought for herself, but only for the Jesus she loves. The other thinks only of him

self, and of how he can use what Jesus had given him for his own gain.

Personally, I know I am not as generous as Mary and I try not to be as grasping as Judas. Yet the same impulses that moved their hearts have moved mine as well. How do I know this? Periodically I get out my old checkbooks and read through the various entries. It is an interesting exercise, and sometimes shocking to discover just how the money I have earned is spent. The check entries record my life and travels. They tell how expensively and how cheaply I dress and eat. The stubs relate my interactions with others: birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, deaths. They read like a autobiography telling me about my tastes, habits and interests.

They also tell me what kind of disciple I am. It might be that I need to change my budget allocations accordingly!





School Board - Monday, November 5th @ 7:00 p.m.

Finance - Tuesday, November 13th @ 7:00 p.m.

Property - Saturday, November 3rd @ 8:00 a.m.

Vestry - Tuesday, November 20th @ 7:00 p.m.

Daughters of the King - Saturday, November 3rd & 17th @ 8:00 a.m.

Order of St. Luke - Saturday, November 3rd & 17th @ 9:30 a.m.

ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS/COMMITTEE HEADS

It's time to start thinking about getting your yearly report ready for 2007. It will be due by the end of December for the Annual Parish meeting on January 13th!



2008 OFFERING ENVELOPES

They have arrived and will be available in the church narthex the beginning of December.



PROPERTY NEWS

Join us on Saturday, November 3rd for the next work day at St. Stephen's. **YOU ARE NEEDED TO HELP!** We begin around 8:00 a.m. and go until? Come out and help for however long you can; any time you can give would be appreciated. Any question, call Don Boehrer at 610-381-8564.

DECEMBER STEVE-ADORE DEADLINE

Thursday, November 15th. Please call Marilyn Benscoter at 610-398-0823 with your news or send it as a Microsoft Word document to the church's email address by that date. If articles are not received by that date, they will not be published in the newsletter. Thanks!



Craft Show

Friday Nov 30th 3-9pm/Saturday, Dec 1st 9am - 3pm

How Can You Help??????

Donate: Money, Talents /Time, Supplies

This is our big, and only, fundraiser! Please read thoroughly and hopefully you can find some way to participate in the craft show. Old friends are the backbone of our parish and we are deeply blessed to have them but we are always looking for new faces.

Money:

Money is always helpful. Please note that the money is to help off-set the expenses of the craft show.

Talents / Time:

Cookies- Contact Doreen Wagner

Bake cookies at home. You may also choose to bake at the church. Please contact Tom Steckel first to make sure the parish hall and kitchen are available for you to use. Bring cookies to church in a small tin. Tin needs to have a label on the outside with the type of cookies and the amount of cookies in the tin. Look for more info to follow and sign up with Doreen.

Craft Table- Contact Joanne Searfoss or Paula Evans

Raffle Table- contact Barbara Heefner

We are looking for handmade items to sell at our craft table, or raffle off. Items need to be mostly handmade. Please label with a suggested price, if item is for the craft table. Bring to Church after Thanksgiving and place in the Parish Hall. Note whether item is for the craft table or the Raffle table

Set-up and Take down- contact Scott Siegmund

Wed, Nov 28th 5pm: Empty all the items from the rooms used and set up the tables. Involves heavy lifting.

Thurs, Nov 29th 4:30pm: Door monitors- 6-8 people to watch doors while crafters are setting up.

Sat, Dec 1st 3pm: Return church and parking lot to the original Condition.

Parking Set-up – contact Ken Rider

Prepare parking lot and fields for parking- look for date and time

Pierogies-contact Bev Doneker

Fri Oct 26th 6pm – 6 people needed to prepare the filling

Sat Oct 27th 8 am until done – Lots of people to roll dough, stuff and cook pierogies. Remember: we get to eat the mistakes!!!!

Watch for a date in Nov to make more.

Volunteering During the Craft Show:

Contact- Carol Siegmund or Joe Ebner

There is a big demand for help during the craft show. Please watch for sign-up sheets for the following:

- Kitchen- help serve the food, clean tables.
- Raffle Table - sell tickets for the quilt and craft raffle tickets.
- Cashier- help take money for food sold in the kitchen.
- Craft Table- help sell items from the craft table.
- Parking-help direct cars. You will be out in the weather, so dress accordingly. Need help starting at 2pm on Friday afternoon.
- Cookies-put cookies on plates and sell during the craft show.

Advertisement: Contact- Carol Siegmund or Joe Ebner

There will be posters placed in the Narthex, please take as many as you want and post wherever you can- work, local businesses, any place that people will see them! If anyone has a contact with local TV or Radio through which we can advertise, please let us know.

Quilt Tickets: Contact- Carol Siegmund or Joe Ebner

You will be receiving some quilt tickets in the mail. Please make an effort to sell them. The quilt will be hanging in the Parish Hall soon.

Supplies:

Turkeys- frozen or fresh, any size. Bring, uncooked, to the church from Nov 10th -16th. If we receive more than we need, the excess turkeys will be donated to the food pantry.

Soda- cases of soda, diet and regular Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, Root beer.
Bring to the parish hall, labeled for the craft show

Bottled Water- cases of water to sell

Coolers- for soda during the craft show- please put your name on the cooler and bring to the parish hall the week of the craft show

Carol Siegmund 610-799-2253/Joe Ebner 610-432-8407



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4) 7:30 Morn. Prayer 8 & 10:30 am Mass 9:15 am S. School	5) 7:00 pm School Board Meeting	6) William Temple 9:30 am Healing Mass 6:15 pm Eve. Prayer	7) Willibrord 6:15 pm Eve. Prayer 6:30 pm Scouts	8) 6:15 Eve. Prayer	9) 6:15 Eve. Prayer and Rosary	3) Richard Hooker 8:00 am Prop. Mtg. D.O.K. 9:30 am O.S.L.
11) Veteran's Day 7:30 Morn. Prayer 8 & 10:30 am Mass 9:15 am S. School Noon JYG Pierogie making	12) Charles Simeon	13) 9:30 am Healing Mass 6:15 pm Eve. Prayer 7:00 pm Finance Mtg.	14) Consecration of Samuel Seabury 2:00 pm Clergy Bible Study 6:15 pm Eve. Prayer 6:30 pm Scouts	15) 6:15 Eve. Prayer SteveAdore deadline!	16) Margaret 6:15 Eve. Prayer and Rosary	17) Hugh 8:00 am D.O.K. 9:30 am O.S.L.
18) Hilda 7:30 Morn. Prayer 8 & 10:30 am Mass 9:15 am S. School	19) Elizabeth	20) Edmund 9:30 am Healing Mass 6:15 pm Eve. Prayer 7:00 pm Vestry Mtg.	21) 6:15 pm Eve. Prayer 6:30 pm Scouts	22) Office Closed Thanksgiving Day 6:15 Eve. Prayer 	23) Office Closed 6:15 Eve. Prayer and Rosary	24)
25) James Otis Sar-gent Huntington 7:30 Morn. Prayer 8 & 10:30 am Mass 9:15 am S. School Noon JYG	26)	27) 9:30 am Healing Mass 6:15 pm Eve. Prayer	28) Kamehameha & Emma 6:15 pm Eve. Prayer 6:30 pm Scouts	29) 6:15 Eve. Prayer	30) Craft Show 6:15 Eve. Prayer and Rosary	1) Craft Show

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Stephen's,


Hello from Wisconsin!! Well who would believe that this is now the second year of seminary! Summer was a constant grind for Doug as he worked long 60+ hours each week doing CPE and it feels fabulous to be back at the seminary. The Middler year is very different than the first year. The first year in seminary everything is brand new including the classmates, faculty, the newness of being in Wisconsin, and of course - the school work which most of the new students have not done in many years. The first year is full of anticipation and anxiety, wondering what to expect and if the students can meet the academic challenges. But the Middler year has a very different feel. The first difference is the make up of the student body. Since the seminary only has about 55 students, we all know one another. But this year, all of last year's seniors whom we knew have departed and a new class of students is on campus. Instead of being the new kids on campus, it was our turn to welcome the new students by unloading the boxes and furniture from their trucks their first day on campus and by providing welcome baskets and baked goods for the spouses.

Middler students know what to expect because they lived through a year of lectures, papers and exams. We have survived a year living in very close quarters where everyone can see and hear all you do. It is the job of the Middlers to take the incoming students under their wings, alleviate their anxieties and give them practical tips on surviving seminary life. Bonds and friendships are now established as we have weathered a year together. Returning to Nashotah House at the end of the summer was without a doubt like going home and seeing family. This year the Middler students have more responsibilities. It is exciting each week to see and hear one of the Middlers reading the lessons, acting as sacristan and acolyte. Confidence tempered by humility exists in the Middler class - they know it is okay to make a mistake and so they are more confident in what they do but are still humbled that they are here and that God has actually called them to embark on the journey to the priesthood.

This year Doug is assisting the New Testament/Greek professor by preparing and grading Greek exams and tutoring students who need the additional help. The Middler students have all been assigned to work in a local parish. Doug is assigned to St. John Chrysostom, which is one of the oldest church parishes in

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November 2007 Birthday Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		If your name is missing and you would like to be added, please call the office.		1) James Hahn	2) Nichole Kline Elizabeth Burkepile	3) Gerald Wisser
4) Gary Chromiak David Heffernan	5) Michelle Moyer Caitlyn Kantner	6) Kristopher Kipp Andrew Hozza	7) Daad Lamm Robert Smith Jessica Henry	8) Robert Gilson III	9) Barry Smith Olivia Emery August Kantner	10)
11) Jennifer Talianek	12) Robert Wisser Pauline Evans Andrew Schopf	13) Kelly Pilette Angela Heffernan Leon Buffington	14) Shirley Raab	15) Patricia Beveridge	16) Annette Marth	17) Eileen Thomas Alexander Gaul
18)	19) Irene Eddinger	20) Leslie Saylor	21) Nancy Wagner Carolyn Rider Matthew Moench	22)	23) Cory Wilson Martha Crouthamel	24)
25)	26)	27)	28) Michele Pilette Jena Hillenbrand Evangeline Hillenbrand	29) Amy Dorney Owen Kleintop	30) Andrew Kipp Barbara Wilson Bruce Crawford	

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Any girls interested in learning more about symbolism and solemnity of the Altar and how to prepare the Altar for worship should speak to JoAnn Fedor about joining the Junior Altar Guild.

The search committee has met several times during the month of October. Because this article is submitted in the middle of the month, I cannot predict all that may occur by the time you read the SteveAdore.

The months ahead:

Saturday, November 3-- Safeguarding God's Children at Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. All vestry members and Sunday School teachers who have not yet attended should attend this session. Registration deadline is October 29, 2007.

Saturday, Nov. 10 and Sunday, Nov. 11 – Pierogie making in the parish hall. We will need at least 12 volunteers for Sunday.

Saturday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.-- Movies and popcorn in the Parish Hall.

Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, December 1 – The annual Craft Show.

December 2007 – date to be announced. Advent Wreath Making.

Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008 – Annual Parish meeting following the 10:30 service.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008 – Bishop Paul's visit/Scouting Sunday. Look for our Cub Scouts and their families at services.

Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday the 9th – Vestry retreat at St. Francis Friary, Bethlehem Township.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Sr. Warden

*For those serving in
the armed forces,
let us pray:*



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| - | Kevin Rockel | - | Jeffrey Slough |
| - | Peter Carlson | - | Michael Lochiatto |
| - | Robert C. Gehres II | - | David Saggio |
| - | Robert C. Gehres III | - | Marie Gates |

ALL SAINTS' DAY/ALL SOULS' DAY

We will be celebrating All Saints' Day, with Bishop Paul celebrating, on Thursday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. and All Souls' Day, with Bishop Paul celebrating, on Friday, November 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS ANGELS!

As an extension of our Food Pantry ministry, we at St. Stephen's want to remember the children of our Food Pantry families during the Christmas season. Therefore, a list of names is posted on the bulletin board outside the Conference Room for anyone interested in purchasing a small gift for one of these children (deadline is Nov. 25th). Why not be an angel for one of these who are less fortunate than many of us. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Food Pantry Needs :



During the month of November we will be collecting the following items to fill

Thanksgiving baskets to give to our Food Pantry recipients:

- Box stuffing
- Canned gravy
- Canned Cranberry sauce
- Pumpkin pie filling
- Pie crust mix

Collection box is in the entrance way near the Rector's office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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the area. It was established by Bishop Kemper, who also founded Nashotah House. Doug is under the guidance of the Rev. Dr. Charles Henery who is one of the tenured faculty and is professor of Church History at Nashotah House. This is the very same priest that Fr. Mark spoke of so fondly and who taught him to celebrate mass. We are very blessed that Doug received this assignment as it is one of the most coveted assignments among the Anglo-Catholic seminarians. Doug preached his first week in his new parish and is serving at the altar weekly.

We are experiencing beautiful fall weather with wonderfully warm days and cool crisp evenings. Relaxation at the House is a BYOM cookout (short for bring your own meat) accompanied by a side dish to share with all, followed by a fire in the outdoor fire pit.

With the exception of the large and very hungry mosquito population, it has been an ideal return to seminary life.

Thank you for your continued financial support; without it this would not be possible. Your generosity and prayers mean all the difference to us. Although this is the second year and it is no longer new, we still walk this campus and cannot believe that we are here. We are very blessed and grateful for the continued support you provide.

If any of you get out this way, please stop. We are proud to show you the seminary and share with you our new life.

Love and blessings,
Doug and Michelle

Why not let Doug and Michelle know you are thinking about them over the holidays. If you have a chance, send them a card or letter. If you prefer, their email addresses are: jdmoyer@centurytel.net and michellemoyer@centurytel.net.

Otherwise their address is:

*Attention: Mr. J. Douglas Moyer
Nashotah House Theological Seminary
2777 Mission Road
Nashotah, Wisconsin 53058*



NURSERY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

During fire prevention month in October, the annual visit by the Whitehall Fire Department was enjoyed by the school students. The firefighters dress in their gear so the students can see what a firefighter would look like in the event of an emergency. The students also get to check out the trucks and equipment. Also, one or two lucky staff members are selected to ride in the bucket truck.

Halloween parties will be held at the end of October where the children can display their costumes and talent by putting on a short program for their families.

All during the month of November our classes will be preparing for our annual holiday family feast. There will be baking, cooking, and mixing in the classroom in order to prepare everything for this special meal. Being served this year is our famous vegetable soup, cornbread and flavored butters.

We are continuing to make a concerted effort to collect the **GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**. Each **BOX TOP** is worth 10 cents to the school and this can quickly add up to significant income. There are two submission dates throughout the year where the school will be reimbursed for each boxtop submitted. If you have boxtops in your home and would like to help out the school there is a collection envelope in the church on the bulletin board next to the conference room. No one benefits if the **BOX TOPS** end up in the trash.

There remain 4 openings within the school. The 4 day has one opening and the 5 day class has three openings, all of which are in the PM session (12:30 PM - 3:00 PM). If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them call the school office at: 610-435-4260.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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DIOCESAN CONVENTION NEWS

Some 400 clergy, lay delegates and visitors from Episcopal congregations in eastern and northeastern Pennsylvania gathered at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, October 12-13, for the 136th annual convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem. They worshiped together, heard Bethlehem Bishop Paul Marshall's address to convention, welcomed Bishop Jack Croneberger, retired Bishop of Newark as assistant bishop for the Diocese of Bethlehem, met Bishop Anthony Poggo of the Diocese of Kajo Keji in southern Sudan, heard reports on relationships with Moravians, Methodists and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, considered several resolutions, set the 2007 agenda for mission, celebrated the initial success of the New Hope campaign for a New Sudan and the

poor among us, celebrated their common ministry and membership in the 14-county diocesan community and thoroughly enjoyed and swayed with delight to the sounds of the Cathedral Jazz Band after Friday evening dinner at the nearby Masonic Temple in Bethlehem.

The following items have been uploaded at [the newSpin blog](#):

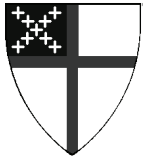
- Bishop Paul's address to convention
- Elections
- Resolutions
- Resolutions of Courtesy

Visit the newSpin blog periodically over the next few days for more news ... and pictures.

ATTENTION: Girls 7 – 12 grade

JUNIOR ALTAR GUILD

If you are interested in helping the Altar Guild after Sunday services, and are in 7 – 12 grade, please contact JoAnn Fedor at 610-799-0887.



What does it mean to be an Episcopalian today?

From the New York Times

Somewhere near you, there's a blue-and-white sign bearing the familiar slogan: *The Episcopal Church Welcomes You*. It represents some 7,400 congregations that trace their beginnings in North America to a small but hopeful group of English Christians who arrived May 14, 1607 at a place they called Jamestown—the first permanent English settlement in the New World.

You may know us as Washington's monumental National Cathedral, site of historic services and ceremonies, or the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, still unfinished, but already the largest cathedral in the world.

But the Episcopal Church is also Boston's Old North Church, founded in 1723 and made famous by serving as the beacon for Paul Revere's revolution-spurring "midnight ride." And Philadelphia's Christ Church, home parish of 15 signers of the Declaration of Independence, host to the first General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1785.

It's Trinity Parish on Wall Street in New York, formed in 1698, and St. Paul's Chapel just down the street, frequented by George Washington and the spiritual healing center of Ground Zero since September 11, 2001.

It's also epiphany Church in Los Angeles, where Cesar Chavez rallied the United Farm workers. And Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cumberland, Maryland, whose basement was a major stop on the Underground Railroad to freedom for enslaved African-Americans. And St. John's Church in Greenwich village, a meeting place for gay and lesbian action following the 1969 Stonewall uprising.

It's a parish in Iowa. A campus ministry in Georgia. A mission in *Dinetah*—the Navajo Reservation. A cathedral in Utah. Even a house church in Vermont.

Whenever you find us, you'll find the *Book of Common Prayer* and a Christian faith that honors and engages the Bible, the tradition of the Church, and God-given human reason.

Joined in prayer, you'll find people with many points of view—Christians who are progressive, moderate, and conservative—yet who value the diversity of their faith community.

That's a heritage drawn from our deep roots in nearly 2,000 years of English Christianity, and shared by a worldwide Anglican Communion that unites nearly 80 million people in 164 countries through prayer and ministries committed to caring for "the least of these," as Jesus commanded, by reducing poverty, disease, and oppression.

Episcopalians struggle with the same issues that trouble all people of faith: how to interpret an ancient faith for today...how to maintain the integrity of tradition while reaching out to a hurting world...how to disagree and yet love and respect one another.

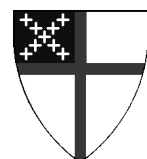
Occasionally those struggles make the news. People find they can no longer walk with us on their journey, and may be called to a different spiritual home. Some later make their way back, and find they are welcomed with open arms.

Despite the headlines, the Episcopal Church keeps moving forward in mission—in all 50 U.S. states and the district of Columbia, as well as congregations in Belgium, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Guam, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Micronesia, Puerto rico, Switzerland, Taiwan, Venezuela and the Virgin Islands. We're committed to a transformed world as Jesus taught: a world of justice, peace, wholeness and holy living.

We've grown a lot in 400 years, since that 1607 worship service from the *Book of Common Prayer* was held in Jamestown—inside and out.

Come see for yourself.

Come and visit...come and explore...come and grow!



Remember Our Shut-Ins

* **ELIZABETH BURKEPILE**, Luthercrest, 800 Hausman Rd, # 198,
Allentown, PA 18104

VERNA CANOVA, Lurhercrest, 800 Hausman Rd., #475,
Allentown, PA 18104

HELEN CHAMBERLAIN, Luthercrest, 800 Hausman Rd, # 302,
Allentown, PA 18104

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Nazareth, PA 18064

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Whitehall, PA 18052

JOHN & MARY LEE, Luthercrest, 800 Hausman Rd, # 303,
Allentown, PA 18104

MARY POLUKA, Room 2136B Trexler Wing, Phoebe Home,
1925 Turner St., Allentown, PA 18104

* **ROBERT & DOLLY SMITH**, 853 Cold Spring Rd., Apt. #2,
Allentown, PA 18103

** Celebrating a birthday this month*

Elizabeth - Nov. 2

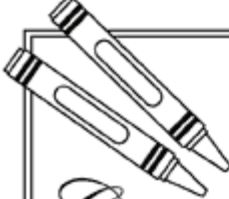
Robert - Nov. 7

**PLEASE VISIT AND/OR
SEND A CARD OF CHEER!**



Children's Page






Just for KIDS

Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS." GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.

 <p>14 - 7 = ___ Father 10 + 9 = ___ heavenly 10 + 5 = ___ blessed 2 - 1 = ___ Praise 7 + 7 = ___ has 11 + 11 = ___ every 12 + 12 = ___ blessing 10 + 10 = ___ realms 13 + 13 = ___ Christ 8 + 8 = ___ us 8 + 9 = ___ in 5 + 5 = ___ Lord 10 + 11 = ___ with</p>	<p>10 + 15 = ___ in 6 - 3 = ___ to 12 - 6 = ___ and 6 + 6 = ___ Christ 18 - 9 = ___ our 22 - 11 = ___ Jesus 1 + 1 = ___ be 7 + 6 = ___ who 2 + 2 = ___ the 10 - 5 = ___ God 4 + 4 = ___ of 9 + 9 = ___ the 10 + 13 = ___ spiritual</p>
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“ _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ ”

_____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____

_____ 13 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 18 _____

_____ 19 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____ 22 _____ ”

_____ 23 _____ 24 _____ 25 _____ 26 _____ ”

EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Holiday Candle

On Thanksgiving, we share a special meal with family and friends. Make this holiday candle as a festive centerpiece for your table.

- What you need:**
- Paper towel
 - One 8-oz. clear plastic cup
 - Petroleum jelly (Vaseline)
 - Paper or plastic disposable bowl
 - About 8 oz. of a variety of dried beans, peas, corn, etc.
 - Bottle of white glue
 - Plastic spoon
 - An 8- to 10-inch taper or dinner candle
 - Adult to help



- What you do:**
1. Using the paper towel, rub a generous amount of petroleum jelly on the inside of the cup (bottom and sides).
 2. In a bowl, pour the dried-bean mixture.
 3. Squeeze enough glue into the bean mixture to generously coat it. Stir the mixture with the spoon.
 4. Spoon about half of the bean mixture into the greased cup. Then place the candle, with any plastic wrapping removed, into the center of the mixture. Next, fill the cup with the rest of the mixture. Smooth the top to make it flat, making sure the candle stays straight.
 5. Squeeze extra glue around the hole made by the candle. Let the bean mixture dry completely, which could take a day or longer.
 6. When the bean mixture is dry, gently pull the candle. Both the candle and beans should come out as one. (If they don't, pour more glue and wait another day.)
 7. Place your candle on a small plate for a festive Thanksgiving centerpiece.



"I don't know where Cain and Abel went for Thanksgiving, Son. I just know they didn't go to Grandma's."

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- FREE PARKING

Bring the whole family!

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A stylized Christmas tree with green branches, yellow and pink ornaments, and a yellow star on top. The tree is surrounded by yellow and pink circular patterns.