



Church of Our Saviour

Dear Friends,

Naked trees and the bitterness in the wind have arrived, marking the end of our autumn. Darkness falls earlier and earlier as we are drawn into winter. This time of the year can seem bleak and the darkness can settle into our hearts, but in the deepest nights, the light of Advent softly glows. The four candles of the wreath twinkle in the darkness of winter, offering to us hope and joy, peace and love. Our world can seem a very dark place, violent and cruel, full of sorrow and weeping, but Advent tells us of a different truth: the Light of the World has stepped into our darkness. The lighted candles remind us that no matter how grim and cold life may be, God stepped into our world, bringing the light of heaven into the darkness of earth. And no matter the other voices and experiences of our lives, the baby lying in the manger is a message of love, from God to all of us. May the truth of this good news shine in your hearts this season, offering amid loneliness or stress, tears or sorrow, busyness or angst, a softly glowing ember of hope and joy.

Praising our Incarnate God,

Melinda

Save the Date!

Soup Sale

Soup sale on
November 4th.

Christmas Shopping

Christmas shopping
for children on
December 6th.

Family Brunch

Church-wide brunch
on December 7th.

Christmas Eve

Our celebration of the
birth of Christ
will take place on
December 24th at 9p.

Advent Lunches

During Advent, we will meet together for a soup lunch and discussion, on Wednesdays from 12p-1p, starting December 3rd. The soup will be provided; we just need you to come!

Diocese Convention

The annual convention of the Diocese of Northwestern PA will take place this year in Sharon on November 7-8th. Melinda will be going as our clergy person and Mary Jones and Paula DuBois are this year's representatives. Please keep the convention in your prayers.

Thank You from Ruth

As many of you know, Ruth Himes is stepping down from her long held position as Altar Guild Director. As she leaves, she would like to thank all the women who have assisted and participated over the years for all their hard work and tireless efforts. Ruth also expresses gratitude for the men of the church, who have assisted the guild in countless ways. Additionally, Ruth would like everyone to know she is not going Anywhere; just stepping down from the leadership role.

Thank you, Ruth, for your many years of service; we have all been blessed by your work and diligence in this ministry! And thanks also to our new director, Vicki Smith.

Christmas Shopping

Join us Saturday December 6th when we will shop for children off the Salvation Army angel tree. We will meet at the church at 11a, shop for an hour at Wal-Mart, and then go to Buck's for lunch. Wrapping will take place on December 7th during coffee hour.

Family Brunch

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) are sponsoring a church wide brunch on Sunday December 7th. Following worship we will go out to Treasure Lake Lodge and enjoy their delicious brunch, supplemented by our own good conversation. Brunch will cost roughly \$12 a person. Please sign up downstairs to let us know you will attend!

Christmas Eve

Our celebration of the birth of Christ will take place on December 24th at 9p. We hope you and your family and friends will join us for this traditional candlelight service, full of Christmas carols and joyful readings.

November & December 2014

If you are unable to serve your assigned day, please arrange a substitute, trade, or contact Mary. If you would like to join this ministry, contact Mary Jones (371-4086; mary@dbcollege.edu) or the Church Office.

Date	Greeters/ Ushers	LEM	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gifts	Altar Guild	Cleaning Group
Nov 2	Himes	Jim Dungey	Charmaine Dungey	Kris Swope	Terry Allen	Mizners	Linda Henry/ Gail Mizner/ Paula DuBois	#1
Nov 9	Mary Jones/ Beth Giese	John Henry	Ray Sun- dermier	Terry Allen	Don Kruk	Smiths	Vicki Smith/ Gwen Burnett	#2
Nov 16	Smiths	Jim Dungey	Charmaine Dungey	Susanne Waitkus	Kris Swope	Markievichs	Ruth Himes/ Judy Aughenbaugh/ Chelsea Engel	#3
Nov 23	Mizners	Joe Saricks	Susanne Waitkus	Kris Swope	Terry Swope	Mortimers	Donna Wells/ Lois Aughenbaugh	#4
Nov. 30	Mortimers	John Henry	Terry Allen	Charmaine Dungey	Mark Markievich	Smiths		#1
Dec 7	Himes	Jim Dungey	Mark Markievich	Don Kruk	Joe Saricks	Burnetts	Linda Henry/ Gail Mizner/ Paula DuBois	#2
Dec 14	Henrys	Joe Saricks	Mary Jones	Kris Swope	Jeff DuBois	Mizners	Vicki Smith/ Gwen Burnett	#3
Dec 21	Smiths	John Henry	Charmaine Dungey	Terry Swope	Terry Allen	Mortimers	Ruth Himes/ Judy Aughenbaugh/ Chelsea Engel	#4
Dec 28	Mary Jones/ Beth Giese	Joe Saricks	Mary Jones	Susanne Waitkus	Mark Markievich	Burnetts	Donna Wells/ Lois Aughenbaugh	#5

Attendance and Finances

	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	YTD
Average Attendance	35	38	53	38	41	40	43	43	40
Offering Total	5,273.00	6,448.00	4,776.00	4,760.00	5,706.00	8,305.00	7,569.00	8,292.75	55,909.75

									investments	no investments
Income	5,532.98	8,402.16	13,910.19	16,835.10	17,547.50	12,464.52	7,824.00	9,218.39	102,561.19	80,524.67
Expenses	10,540.93	6,185.39	10,454.02	11,268.18	5,513.99	12,483.96	6,386.65	6,658.52	79,254.24	79,374.24
TOTAL	(5007.95)	2216.77	3456.17	5566.92	12033.51	(19.44)	1437.35	2559.87	23306.95	1150.43

Birthdays

November

- 1 Leslie Shorts
- Antonio Cassagrande
- 3 Ray Sundermier
- 8 Mildred Miller
- Jason Chezosky
- 12 Betty Preston
- 19 Terry Swope
- 26 Jim Smith
- Lorin Waitkus

December

- 3 Jim Mortimer
- 9 Buster (Curtis) Aughenbaugh
- 10 Karen Markievich
- Kim Engle
- 13 Zack Engle
- 14 Cathy Moore
- 18 Bonnie Mortimer
- Kristin Swope
- Chuck Chezosky

Anniversaries

November

26 Terry & Kristin Swope

December

31 Tim & Rachel Carnahan

Mark your Calendars

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| Soup Sale | November 4th |
| Diocese Convention | November 7th—8th |
| Thanksgiving day | November 27th |
| Advent Lunches | December 3rd,
10th, & 17th |
| Christmas Shopping | December 6th |
| ECW family Breakfast | December 7th |
| Christmas Eve Service | December 24th |



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Happy Holidays!!!

