Weekly E-news and Updates







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Ministry Assignments

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Month of December Schedule

Serving Sunday November 27 Eucharistic Ministers

8 am

Bill Woodard

10 am

Lee White

Susan Fuller

Lector

8 am

Bill Woodard

10 am

Susan Fuller

Altar Guild

Susie Walker

Ritva Torma

Usher

Lake

Flower Guild

Jacqueline McLaughlin

Flower Delivery

Danielle Pierpont

Greeter

Volunteer

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Beloved Siblings in Christ,

The liturgical year turns again. It is Advent. The church helps us remember that time is not linear, but a circle, a spiral. We move forward, and somehow we also return again and again to where we have been before. In his great little book SOUNDING the SEASONS: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year, Malcolm Guite's prologue resonates this turning to a new season:

Tangled in time, we go by hints and quesses,

Turning the wheel of each returning year. But in the midst of failures and successes We sometimes glimpse the love that casts out fear.



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The First Sunday of Advent

Links to the Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5 - Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace

Psalm 122 - I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Romans 13:11-14 - Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep

Matthew 24:36-44 - The sudden coming of the Son of Man

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Sometimes the heart remembers its own reasons

And beats a 'Sanctus' as we sing our story,

Tracing the threads of grace, sounding the seasons

That lead at las through time to timeless glory.

From the first yearning for a Savior's birth To the full joy of knowing sins forgiven, We start our journey here on God's goo earth

To catch an echo of the chorus of heaven.

I send these out, returning what was lent,

Turing to praise each 'moment's

monument.'

The new church year is a monument moment that begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In Sunday's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Advent Blessings,

Bill+



This week we pray for:

For our Parish

Howard Blaney, Prue Fitts, Felicity Freund, Judy Hess, Zell Kellogg, Bhupendra & Judy Khetani, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Penny Meyer, Carol Pearson, Danielle Pierpont, Bree Schuette, Lee White.

For our Family & Friends

Michael Dowd, Anne Fish, Stephanie Fullam, Ruth Gray, Susan Belt Hartson, Faye Juul, Tom Southern, Debe Tetherly, Peggy Young.

From The Music Corner...



Dear pilgrims,

So quickly we pivot from a week of feasting with deep gratitude to the journey of Advent..... pondering, waiting, hoping, reflecting..... praying He will come in deep ways in these troubling times.

I offer yet again some Advent piano music to bless and encourage you with familiar tunes, recorded by Ralph and I two years ago in a difficult Covid holiday.....

https://youtu.be/AibsNkQ2J-A

And I offer an invitation to join me on an Illuminated Advent Retreat, online with Jan Richardson (minister, artist, writer, poet) who some of you know I've been following closely for over 30 years. If you're inclined (there is a fee), check out all the details on the link below, and feel free to let me know you're "on board' as well. Her art, reflection, questions and meditations are worth exploring with others (and she does offer online community sharing with other pilgrims joining the experience).

janrichardson.com Read more at this link, and click on the "Illuminated Retreat" to discover more.

As we journey into the heart of Christmas, and the days grow darker as we approach the winter solstice.... I pray you will find the singular Light of Christ illuminating your

days in ways of peace and comfort that are profound.
In God's grasp, with you,
Holly

Advent Prayer Walk



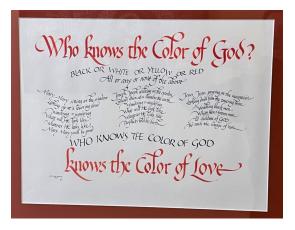
Advent is a season of hope, expectation and preparation. In Advent, we prepare our hearts and anticipate Jesus' arrival, waiting, watching, and expecting the world to turn toward justice. Join us Thursday evenings anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 pm in December to sit and pray and/or walk the labyrinth in the parish hall. This event follows Dinner Bell Community Meal at 5:00 pm (contact the church office to make a reservation).

The labyrinth is an ancient practice. We walk a winding path, praying and listening as we are guided to the center. In the season of Advent, God has set a path for each of us, lined with discovery and hope.

Socks must be worn while walking on the cloth labyrinth. Finger labyrinths are also available for those with mobility issues or wish to explore other labyrinth types.

New Artwork at All Saints





Check out the new artwork hanging in the upstairs hallway by the Rector's Office. The large "MM: Anno Jubilee" poster is a gift from Jack and Alyce Ferguson and is the face of Jesus created from the photos of individual faces.

The poster is from the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church held at the Colorado Convention Center in 2000. The second piece is a gift from the Rev. Canon Randy Dales called "Who Knows the Color of God?"



Hanging of the Greens and Potluck

Join us December 3rd at 4:00 pm for decorating our worship space for the holiday season followed by a Pizza and Salad Potluck at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Bring a favorite pizza or a salad to share (BYOB). Sign-up is on the parish hall bulletin board.



Episcopal Church Women gathered for a meeting in November.



- Wolfeboro of Trees

All Saints' will participate again this year in the Festival of Trees. We have a tree and will use the same decorations from last year. I am looking for a couple of volunteers to help me decorate it. The dates available for decorating are Saturday November 26, Sunday November 27, and Monday November 28.

Please contact me at 603 544-2389 or <u>csundquist@roadrunner.com</u> or see me in church on Sunday.

Thank you, Carolyn Sundquist



Urgent Need for Area Homeless

There is an urgent need for can openers, proteins such as canned meats, beans and peanut butter, and sleeping bags for homeless folks living outside in Ossipee. We are collecting items

the next two Sundays. Can openers can be ordered online

at: https://www.amazon.com/Chef-Craft-Can-Opener and may be shipped directly to: White Horse Recovery Center, c/o Vanessa Soper, 70 Route 16B, Center Ossipee, NH, 03814-6825



This is the time to begin planning for new members of the vestry and

convocation.

Vestry is in need of a Junior Warden. The term will run from January 2023 to January 2026. The Junior warden would be meeting twice a month either in person or via zoom. Please speak with Joanne Crowe or Doug Smithwood if you are interested in joining the vestry.

Convocation is in need to two new members, delegate and a alternate delegate. The delegates meet via zoom approximately 6 times per year. If you have questions and would consider taking a role as a delegate, please speak with Joanne Crowe or Doug Smithwood.

Our Sunday School Children Need Your Presence



The Episcopal Church is deeply committed to fostering communities and congregations that are safe spaces for all people, particularly those who may be vulnerable in some way, to worship and minister generously, free of any form of harassment, bullying, abuse, or exploitation. To that end, our policy and practice is to have two adults present. Please sign-up to be a classroom assistant on the bulletin board and speak with Parish and Safe Church Administrator Debra Hoyt or Pastor Bill if you have any questions. Thank you.

Altar Flowers



We are encouraging that Altar Flower Dedications be made early in the year.

Now Easy to reserve your date by Signing Up Online!
https://ttsu.me/allsaintswolfe

You can still turn in a dedication slip to the office or **Email** your request to the Parish Office at allsaints@metrocast.net.

(Please let the office know if you are providing flowers for your dedication and/or any details of dedication you wish to appear in the bulletin)

The chart in the parish hall will be updated as new requests are received.

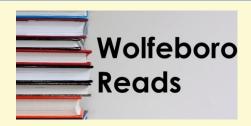
THE SOONER YOU SIGN UP,
THE BETTER CHANCE YOU HAVE TO RESERVE THE DATE YOU WANT!

Flowers may be provided in lieu of payment. Please let the office know if you wish to provide your own flowers. Please call Sue 569-3183 if you need to discuss arrangements.

The cost of the Altar flowers for a Sunday is \$35.00. Please provide payment to the office before the dedication date.

Following the worship services the flowers are delivered by volunteers to our ill and shut-in members, as well as other appropriate places. In this manner, the flowers continue their silent reminder of God's love. Thank you in advance for providing flowers to the Altar of All Saints.

Questions may be directed to Debra at allsaints@metrocast.net. thank you.



Click on the picture for your Fall Reading List

Please join Pastor Bill Petersen (ASEC) and Pastor Donna Muise (FCCW) as we gather via Zoom on Tuesdays 4:00-5:15 pm for reflection and discussion. Wolfeboro Reads begins Tuesday September 13.

Dinner Bell

<u>Please call 569-3453</u> or e-mail <u>allsaints@metrocast.net</u> by Tuesday afternoons to reserve your meal(s) for the week.



We will offer two dinner options:

- 1. To-Go Meals as we have done during Covid with meal pick-up 4:00-5:00 pm, and
- 2. Gathering for dinner in the All Saints Parish Hall as we did before Covid at 5:00 pm.

Your help is also welcome to share hospitality with our neighbors, please speak with Carol Simpson or Pastor Bill to volunteer.

December menu

12/1/2022 Chicken noodle soup American chop suey Cookies

12/8/2022 Cheeseburger chowder Turkey stew with biscuit Cookies

12/15/2022 Beef barely soup Baked lasagna Cookies

All are welcome and donations accepted to offset costs. Thank you!

Please consider brewing some coffee when you arrive early for worship on Sunday. All that is needed is to make a couple pots of coffee and put out some coffee cups. Please sign up on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

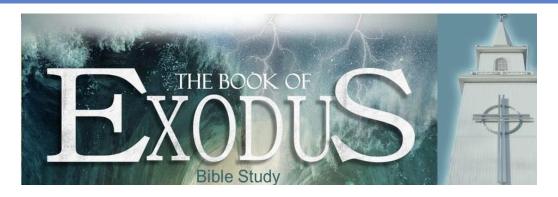


Be a Greeter!



Please consider participating as a **Greeter** at Sunday's Worship. The most important role of a greeter is to make sure all are welcome. Let's make sure visitors feel welcome and know how to get to the service.

Please give your name to the Parish office for rotation.



Thursday Bible Study

We are currently studying the Book of Exodus. If you have not received the Thursday Afternoon Bible Study e-mails before and would like to be added, please share your e-mail with Pastor Bill.

The message of Exodus is of God acting to free a powerless people and bring them into covenant relationship. This event reveals God's faithfulness to Israel and to Egypt and all other nations of the world as well. The exodus is so important that it is even used to describe who God is: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2). The people become the Lord's "treasured possession out of all the people's," "a priestly kingdom," and "a holy nation" (Exodus 19:5-6) and receive the Torah to show them how to live in relationship with this gracious and liberating God through the everyday activities of life.

December Calendar

Click **HERE** for a pdf copy of the Calendar



There are many ways to connect with one another to see, hear and share God online at All Saints





E-NEWS UPDATE E-news editing has now moved to the Parish Office. Please have your submission requests to the office by Tuesday of the week you would like it in the e-news. You may email your requests to Debra at allsaints@metrocast.net.



HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING FOOD FOR YOURSELF OR YOUR FAMILY? HELP IS AVAILABLE

DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION –
FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS MONTHLY
10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
4:00PM TO 6:00PM

264 S. MAIN STREET, WOLFEBORO
ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.com

Providing access to food security with dignity and respect

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