

The Messenger

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Rector's Ponderings

ASLAN IS ON THE MOVE! Such is the mantra said in C.S. Lewis' classic tale "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe". It is the message of hope and expectation repeated by the inhabitants of that mystical land Narnia as they wait for the coming of the promised savior of all of Narnia. You'll remember the story that the White Witch has cast a spell over Narnia so that it is always winter and never Christmas. Narnia is a cold place with its inhabitants taught to fear and live in cold and despair. But, as the story goes, there is a deeper magic at work, and slowly the winter fades away as **ASLAN IS ON THE MOVE!** Aslan, of course, is the one who comes and is waited for expectantly! When Aslan arrives, all know that all will be set right, that those things that demean and beat down, that the evil that exists in Narnia will be torn down, conquered and all will live new!

Advent is our time to wait with hopeful expectation for God's Kingdom to be ushered in! It is the time when we with hopeful expectation wait because **ASLAN IS ON THE MOVE!** That is God is on the Move!! God of course on the move for we Christians comes in the person of Jesus of Nazareth! In the person of Jesus, we believe God reveals all truth and all justice, and all mercy, and shows us Gods hopeful imagination for our lives and for the world!! If you haven't noticed, clearly God is on the Move in our common life at St. Anne's! God is growing us in numbers and in spirit and in service!! We are blessed! If anything else, God wants our relationships to be hopeful and expectant! This Advent ask yourself, Do I really believe God is on the Move? In my life, in our community? Do I really believe that there is a place where what is wrong is made right, what is broken is made whole, what is despairing

finds hope? Do I really believe that I am part of that God's moving!! A blessed Advent to all of us as we are sure that **ASLAN IS ON THE MOVE!**

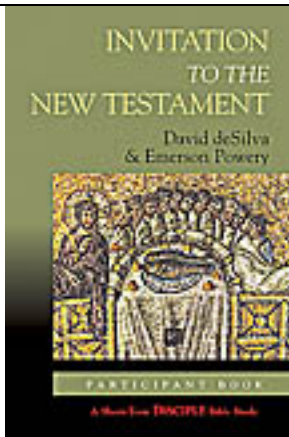
**ADVENT LESSONS AND MUSIC
SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH, 4:00 P.M.
OLD SAINT ANNE'S**

**The Cathedral Choir of the Church of the
Nativity, Bethlehem Pennsylvania**



**COVERED DISH TO FOLLOW AT 15 E.
GREEN STREET**

(Old Saint Anne's will be temporarily heated)



INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

THURSDAYS 7-8:30

JANUARY 19-FEBRUARY 23RD

PARISH HALL

A six week exploration of the New Testament.

Participants will learn through video presentations, group discussion, and workbook accompaniment, themes of the New Testament. A great way to be introduced to the scriptures as well as explore in more depth some of the most important themes of the scriptures.

Childcare for those who need it.

Register by emailing Rector@st-annes-church.com, calling 378-2401 or signing up on the Rector's Door. Cost \$7.00 for workbook

Please indicate if childcare is needed

**COMING ON THURSDAYS IN LENT!
DOES GOD EXIST???
A VIDEO DISCUSSION WITH SIGMUND
FREUD AND C.S. LEWIS!!**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH @ 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

(There will be an 8:00 and 9:00 service this day, though recognize a majority may want to be at 10:30)

Please bring Baby items, especially Diapers, formula and blankets to present to the baby Jesus. Items will be given to the Cecil County Emergency Pregnancy Center.

Pageant rehearsal will take place Sunday mornings in December during education time. One Saturday morning rehearsal on December 17th.



Individuals/Families in Need

Many times we have received calls from individuals or families who cannot meet their basic need for food. The Neighborhood House is usually able to assist these individuals/families. However, there are times when we receive these calls on a weekend, and we don't have access to Neighborhood House. In our efforts to assist individuals and families in need, we will be putting together 4 boxes of non-perishable food items and toiletries to have on hand in case of a weekend

call. We can then supplement the box with a pre-paid card to one of the area grocery stores.

We would like to have donations of the following items to include in the boxes, so that people don't have to use their food card for anything but food.

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper
- Deodorant

Any other personal toiletry item you would care to donate

There are several dollar stores in town where these items can be purchased inexpensively.

Please also feel free to donate a pre-paid gift card from an area grocery store to be attached to these boxes. We will also divert some of the non-perishable food items that we routinely collect, to these boxes.

Every Sunday Father Tony dismisses us with this reminder: Remember the poor, the sick, the hungry and the lonely. Won't you please make a donation? Thank you.

Peace

Jessie Ventura

THANKSGIVING DAY at ST. ANNE'S – 2005

It was a "swellegant", elegant party that awaited the crowd of people streaming into the Great Hall from the Noonday Thanksgiving Service. Pumpkins on the windowsills, beautifully decorated tables and the aroma of "homecookin" greeted them. It was enough to make "Emeril" swoon! Music was provided all day by the Wright family from Maryland, a friend surprised us by serving espresso and cappuccino and Southern States donated a beautiful, country quilted dog bed for some lucky dog. Now how special was that!

Ah, but the FOOD, prepared by that special gang of cooks known only as the "Hip Hooray Gang". There was fresh oyster /smoked duck stuffing, baked cheese cabbage, roasted stuffed turkey, sugar cured hams, homemade coleslaw, Texas sweet potato casserole and the most delicious "down home" corn pudding, and that was only part of the menu. There were freshly baked breads and a table spilling over with a variety of desserts. When we reached "standing room only", we set up more tables, and we rejoiced in the magnitude of this fellowship. We stood in wonderment and asked ourselves, how does this come to fruition so perfectly? I can tell you. It is a miracle!

A miracle is an event inexplicable by the laws of nature and so held to be supernatural in origin or an act of God. It is a marvel! This Thanksgiving Day Feast was the culmination of the generosity and dedication of every parishioner at St. Anne's Church. Each and every contribution fortified the "Spirit of Goodwill". You made this miracle happen. Pat yourselves on the back for providing a fantastic day of fun, food and fellowship to many hungry Pilgrims. We provided take-outs and even transportation to those in need. We welcomed back old friends and made lots of new ones.

Donations, once again exceeded expectations, totaling over \$900, monies that will be used for student scholarship awards in May at U. of D. Honor's Day.

We never know how many people will come to the dinner. We can't begin to guess how much food to prepare. We ask for nothing but a few canned goods. Folks volunteer money, goods and time. What was the ingredient that made it so PERFECT? Now you know the answer!

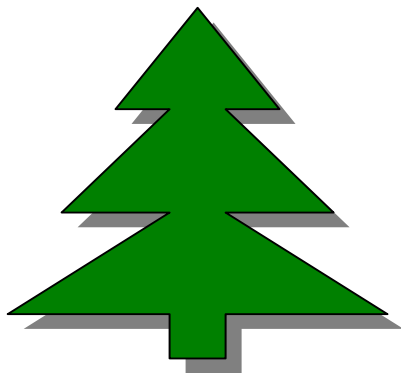


Adult Formation and Education on Sunday mornings is off to a good start. Every Sunday at 9:35-10:25 St. Anne's offers opportunities for learning and growing together. Sometimes we have a social event or inter-generational event as on Nov.13 and 27. Regular classes resume on Dec.4. Kittie Rehrig has a loyal group "Walking through the Bible" together. If you would like to join them, check the printout on the Adult Education/Formation board in the parish hall and start reading where they are. For now, they are meeting in the parish hall in the living room corner at the east end.

Nancy and Dan Bennett have been leading a discussion of the Spirituality of Family Life in the north end of the Ark. Their group will continue on Dec. 4, 11, 18 and reconvene on Jan.15 for four more sessions after the new year. All are welcome to join in at any time.

Louise Howlett will lead an Introduction to World Religions during Epiphany, beginning Jan.15, in the Barr Chapel. Guest speakers will be invited to introduce Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism in the following weeks. In March we will begin a Lenten book study of Philip Yancey's The Jesus I Never Knew. Watch for sign-ups in January so we can buy a book for you and you can start reading before Lent begins!

Watch for reminders of your Sunday morning opportunities in the service bulletin and on the bulletin boards at church. If we have your email address, we will send email reminders too. Feel free to contact Louise Howlett for more information at howlett@saintannesschool.org.



Who is a member of St. Anne's Church? What is a communicant? What is a communicant in good standing? Does any of this really matter?

During Parish Life Day last Saturday, I found the answers to these questions. At the end of every year all Episcopal churches fill out a statistical report called the Parochial Report. One part of the Parochial Report is on church membership. We fill out this report in order to see where we are in terms of growth and other needs of the church.

To my surprise I was told that any baptized person who wants to become a member of St. Anne's only has to let the office know and they are then added to the parish register of baptized persons. It is not necessary to transfer your membership from your former church to be a member, or if you are of another denomination (Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, etc.) you do not need to be received by the Bishop. However it is a good idea to do so.

So what is a Communicant?

To be a Communicant one must be a baptized member of St. Anne's and must have received Holy Communion at St. Anne's at least 3 times during the year.

To be a Communicant in Good Standing, you must be faithful in corporate worship (unless for good cause prevented) and be faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God. In other words, you must be involved in some level beyond showing up 3 times.

Other: An active member who is not a communicant because they only come once or never, but they still contribute financially. So.... Are you a member of St. Anne's? Are you a communicant in good standing?

(By the way, do you know how difficult it is for the Parish Administrator to fill out the annual Parochial Report?)

.....Paula Szczuka

In Loving
Memory



Horace Hotchkiss
November 1, 2005

your presence and your prayers tonight continue to increase its holiness, so the ground on which we stand is indeed holy ground.

Old St. Anne's..

Have you seen the beautifully refurbished wrought iron gates at Old St. Anne's? Mr. Michael Ansul - who lives on St. Anne's Church Road - kindly offered his professional services *pro bono* to obtain the paint and to paint the gates. Members of the Old St. Anne's Committee (Ray Woodward, Ott Menzen and Pete Hall) were involved in removing the gates, repairing them, and re-hanging them. They all open and close readily now. The people of St. Anne's give thanks to Mr. Ansul and to the Old St. Anne's Committee for a job well done.

A special thanks to Ray Woodward for all the welding, and for providing the equipment to transport the gates. Thanks be to God!



Merry Christmas!

Happy Birthday!!

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Todd Smith	2
Michael Sparks	2
Hope Cochran	3
Sarah DiAngelo	4
Jack Webb	5
Kristin Merring	6
LeAnn Slaughter	7
Hunter Whitney	9
Andrew Ball	10
Julia Machulski	13
Jeff Hepler	15
Carson Hanna	16
Mike Cochran	19
Dianne Meyers	24
Gwyneth Casalvera	25
Ellen Combs-Davis	25
Howie Halverson	25
Patrick Cronin	26
Rhonda Owens	26
Rickey Walker	27
John Branner	28
Ellen Jennings	28
Jaden Brown	28
Kristina Newton	30
Christopher Phipps	30

JUST A THOUGHT....

Oh, my heart is filled with joy to see that you have kept this parish going all these years. Through all this time, this land, this congregation, and this church building have been loved and cared for by over thirty priests and by thousands of people. Each of them has made this place more holy. And



If you would like to make a Memorial or a Thank Offering toward Christmas plants, please use this form and return it to the church office by Sunday, December 18th.

In Memory of:

In Thanksgiving for:

Your Name: _____

No. of plants ____ at \$7.00 each

Plants are \$7.00 Each. Make checks payable to St. Anne's Church and note "MEMORIAL PLANTS" in the memo section.



Service Participant Schedule

December

4	8 am	L	David Hipp	836-0628				
	9 am	CB	Lea Hutchins	378-8699	CB	Larry Hutchins	378-8699	
		U	Jessica Ventura	376-9060	U	Scott Ventura	376-9060	
	10:30 am	L	Scott Lawrence	378-1947	CB	Donna Leathrum	378-9075	
		C	Dean Dannaker	834-5286	T	Madeline Ivers	376-1344	
		T	Katie Foster	376-8987	LEC	Ben Shepards		
		V	Bill Ivers	376-1344				
		U	Dean Dannaker	834-5286	U	Tom Vail	378-8639	
	<i>Lessons & Carols at Old St. Anne's</i>							
	4 pm	LEC 1	Robin Szczuka	378-9213	LEC 2	Forest Brown	378-9618	
		LEC 3	Teddi Dessin	378-3813	LEC 4	Dave Blasch	376-1714	
		LEC 5	Janet Vines	378-1912	LEC 6	Frankllin Brons	449-1250	
		V	Nancy Koenig	653-7653				
		U	Becky Roberts	378-9308	U	Chip Roberts	378-9308	
	11	8 am	L	Bill Cohee	376-0417			
9 am		CB	Dean Dannaker	834-5286	CB	Kitty Rehrig	836-5057	
		U	Lea Hutchins	378-8699	U	Larry Hutchins	378-8699	
10:30 am		L	Lou Pederson	378-8324	CB	Kim Blasch	376-1714	
		C	Bill Ivers	376-1344	T	Katelyn Rowley	378-7879	
		T	Karli Frederick	378-0937	LEC	Bill Ivers	376-1344	
		V	Nancy Koenig	653-7653				
		U	George Schreppler	378-9726	U	Janet Schreppler	378-9726	

December

18	8 am	L	Beth Lamb	378-8758			
	9 am	CB	Laurie Wolinski	376-1772	CB	Jessie Ventura	376-9060
		U	Shirley Gundrum	376-7130	U	Carl Gundrum	376-7130
	10:30 am	L	Sarah DiAngelo	378-4203	CB	Diane J. Dudderar-Foster	376-9039
	Christmas Pagent	C	Nancy Koenig	653-7653	CB	Wendy L'Heureux	378-9570
		V	Richard Corbitt	376-9885	CB	Franklin Brons	449-1250
		U	Dave Blaasch	376-1714	U	Diane J. Dudderar-Foster	376-9039
		U	Donna Leathrum	378-9075	U	Lou Pederson	378-8324
Christmas Eve Services							
24	4 pm	L	Kathy Means	378-2044	CB	Peter Hall	376-8934
		CB	Lea Hutchins	378-8699			
		C	Tyler DeFriece	376-1636	CB	Larry Hutchins	378-8699
		T	Carson Hanna	449-2216	T	Forrest Brown	378-9618
		V	Bill Ivers	376-1344	LEC	Jessie Ventura	376-9060
		HU	Kittie Rehrig	836-5057	U	William Rehrig	836-5057
		U	Wendy L'Heureux	378-9570	U	Nancy L'Heureux	378-9570
	11 pm	L	Helen Wolf	378-2165	CB	Dean Dannaker	834-5286
		C	Charlie Wolf	378-2165	LEC	Paula Szczuka	378-9213
		T	BJ Sealy	376-0244	T	Burgon Sealy	376-0244
		V	Richard Corbitt	376-9885			
		U	Patti Smith	378-7306	U	Brian Smith	378-7306

25 10 am Christmas Day Service in Barr Chapel

Altar Guild - Beth Lamb, Becky Cronin

January

1	10:00 am	L	Cim L'Heureux	378-9570	CB	Nancy Koenig	653-7653	
		C	Donna Leathrum	378-9075	T	Jacqui Dessin	378-3813	
		T	Bethany Bennett	376-9785	LEC	Anne Nutter	730-1791	
		V	Richard Corbitt	376-9885				
		U	Ted Nutter	730-1791	U	Anne Nutter	730-1791	
ONE SERVICE								
15	8 am	L	Lou Pederson	378-8324				
		9 am	CB	Diane J. Dudderar-Foster	376-9039	CB	Wendy L'Heureux	378-9570
			U	Bill Ivers	376-1344	U	Tom Vail	378-8639
		10:30 am	L	Scott Lawrence	378-1947	CB	Kim Blaasch	376-1714
			C	Richard Corbitt	376-9885	T	Kelly Halverson	376-9418
T	Tyler DeFriece		376-1636	LEC	Peter Hall	376-8934		
	V	Cim L'Heureux	378-9570					
	U	Becky Roberts	378-9308	U	Chip Roberts	378-9308		
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		9 am	CB	Jessie Ventura	376-9060	CB	Kitty Rehrig	836-5057
			U	Lea Hutchins	378-8699	U	Larry Hutchins	378-8699
		10:30 am	L	Sarah DiAngelo	378-4203	CB	Laurie Wolinski	376-1772
			C	Beth L'Heureux	378-9570	T	Katie Foster	376-8987
T	Madeline Ivers		376-1344	LEC	Ben Shepards			
	V	Bill Ivers	376-1344					
	U	Janet Schreppler	378-9726	U	George Schreppler	378-9726		

January

29	8 am	L	Beth Lamb	378-8758			
	9 am	CB	Franklin Brons	449-1250	CB	Dean Dannaker	834-5286
		U	Jessica Ventura	376-9060	U	Scott Ventura	376-9060
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		U	Dave Blasch	376-1714	U	Donna Leathrum	378-9075

Altar Guild – Christa Pederson and Donna Menzen

L – Lay Reader
 CB – Chalice Bearer
 C – Crucifer
 T – Torch Bearer
 LEC – Lector
 V – Verger
 U - Usher