

THE
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CHURCH
welcomes you



St. John's Spirit

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We are committed to God, to our church, and to each other as a family in Christ, providing and cherishing spiritual growth and living our faith in the community.

Advent *A Season of Hope & Expectation*

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—

This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction—

This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—

This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful councilor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—

This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—

This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice. Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

From Walking on Thorns, by Allan Boesak, Eerdmans, 2004.

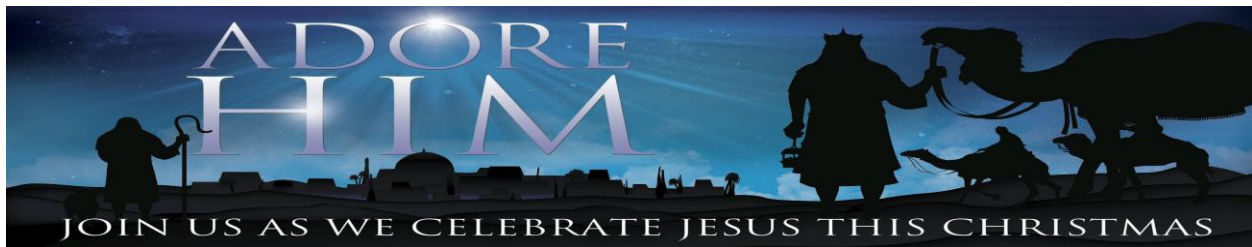
Join us at First Christian Church on **December 14th** for a special time of prayer and Taize music. Prayers for healing with the laying on of hands will be offered.



Join the Children and Young People on Sunday, **December 18th** at the 10:30a service when they will present an Advent Pageant.



The Altar Guild will be Greening the Church in preparation for Christmas following the 10:30a service on Sunday, **December 18th**. If you are able to help, please contact Betty Culley.



Christmas Eve, December 24, 2016

5:30p – “Stable Service” at the home of John Binder and Dan Booher

10:30p – “Traditional” Christmas Eve service with choir at St. John’s

Christmas Day, December 25, 2016

9a at St. John’s

Join us at the 4-H building on **December 7th** at 10:30a to distribute food to those who are food insecure. The gift from St. John’s Outreach Ministry has enabled Food Finders to purchase more protein and healthier choices for those receiving food.



Don’t forget to bring your REINdear bags back to Whitlock Hall not later than **December 10th** so they can be gathered with others from around the community and distributed. Thanks to Ellen Ball for coordinating this ministry!



Please consider serving on the Vestry, our elected lay leadership body for St. John’s. The election is for a 3 year term. Please read the November newsletter for specifics about what it means to be on the Vestry.



Christian Formation, Education – For December for Adults:

December 4 – Helen Hudson and Jill Lamberton facilitate our viewing and discussion of Kathleen Norris’s DVD.

December 11th – Larry Bennett returns with music for the season.

December 18th –come and enjoy some laughs with “The Vicar of Dibley” (DVD)

December 25th – no meeting



Our children, under the leadership of Kim Roberts and several others, are focusing on Old Testament stories such as Creation, Sara and Abraham and other heroes. Our children will also be working with Jerilyn Yerkes preparing an Advent Pageant (set for December 18th).



Our 2016 Pledge Campaign challenges us to Live Generously. If you have not submitted your pledge, please do so as soon as possible so that we can plan for 2017 responsibly. If you have questions, please talk to Harry Siamas, Chair-Gratitude Ministry. Your pledges determine what ministries will be funded for 2017.



The October 2016 Financial Statement is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Each month’s statement is posted on the bulletin board as it is available (usually about mid-month once the bank and investment statements are available and the Vestry has met and accepted the monthly financials).

Year to date: Total Revenues of \$128,952.07

Total Expenses of \$121,327.11

To help ensure that we reach year end “in the black” please make your pledge or gifts timely!



Leaving your imprint to benefit future generations

Thank you to everyone who came to our “Living Well Until You Die” evening discussion. There are additional copies of the book Provide & Protect by A. Charles Schultz are available in the Library.

Reminder! Our Policies, Vestry Minutes, information about Sacraments and other important information can be found on our website: www.stjohnscville.org or on our bulletin boards.

Sermons are posted on our website, too.



Rev. Jan is available by cell phone (765-225-8554) or email (janet.oller@gmail.com). Office hours are by appointment. Check the calendar posted on the office door for the most current schedule. She generally does not read or respond to emails or voice messages on her days off or her Sabbath.



	Lector	LEM	Crucifer	Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Counters	Flowers	LEVs	Coffee Host
Dec. 4										
8a	K Haffner	P Swanson		K Haffner						
10:30	S Albrecht	R Pickering & M Kussmaul	J Culley	CJ Charles	Albrechts	CJ Charles & C Fields	E Fain & W Olander	Advent	S Fain & K Gary	
Dec. 11										
8a	A Ashbaugh	A Ashbaugh		C Fields						
10:30a	S Evans	D Booher & K Roberts	W Turner	B Turner	Ball Twarek	C Meyer & J Tussey	N Bennett & T Twarek	Advent	Pickerings	
Dec. 18										
8a	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul	T Titus							
10:30a	H Hudson	M Hudson & J Burd	S Hildebrand	P Lohorn	Bennetts	B Culley & M Reidy	S Albrecht & J Gary	Advent	Pickerings	
Dec. 24										
5:30p Stable	S Burd	J Burd								
10:30p Nave	R Pickering	J & B Culley	S Hildebrand		Garys	B Culley & M Reidy	A White & J Roberts	Christmas	H Hudson & D Booher	None
Dec. 25										
9a	D Booher	D Booher								None

Meals on Wheels: No deliveries by St. John's in December

*If you are not able to serve as noted, please arrange for a substitute **and** let the office know ASAP. Thank you!*

~ December 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7p-Choir 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) Rector's Sabbath	2 Oller: Lunch/Indy w/Diocesan Staff	3 8:30a-Divorce Recovery Workshop (library) 10:30a-Oller: Comm on Ministry/Columbus
4 8&10:30a- HE 9:15a-Formation 2p-EFM Mental Health Gifts due to St. John's (Red Wagon)	5 12-League of Women Voters (WH) 2p-Finance/Budget (Library)	6 9:25a-Chapel/Tuttle 9:45a-Clergy Sermon Prep 5:30-Women's Legacy Fund (WH) 7p-Comm Chorus (Choir)	7 7:30a-Centering Prayer 10:30a-Food Finers @ 4-H 12-Flower Lovers (WH) 4p-Bible Study (WH) 8p-Wabash Festival of Lessons & Carols (Pioneer Chapel)	8 7p-Choir 6p-Girl Scouts (SSchool) 6p-YSB (WH) Rector's Sabbath	9 Oller Day Off	10 REINdear bags due back to Whitlock Hall
11 8&10:30a- HE 9:15a-Formation 2p-EFM	12 12-H Hudson (WH)	13 7:15a-YSB/WH 9:45a-Clergy Sermon Prep 12-The HUB/lunch mtg 4:30p-Planned Giving (WH) 7p- Comm Chorus (WH)	14 7:30a-Centering Prayer 12-Clergy Lunch/Creekside 4p-Bible Study (WH) 7p-Taize with Healing @ First Christian Church	15 7p-Choir 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) Rector's Sabbath	16	17 Oller Day Off
18 8&10:30a- HE (Children's Pageant) 9:15a-Formation 11:45-Greening of the Church 2p-EFM	19 Oller Day Off	20 9:45a-Clergy Sermon Prep	21- 7:30a-Centering Prayer 4p-Bible Study 7p-Vestry	22 7p-Choir Rector's Sabbath	23	24 5:30 & 10:30p -HE
25 Christmas 9a HE	26 Office Closed	27 Oller Vacation	28 7:30a-Centering Prayer 4p-Bible Study Oller Vacation	29 Rector's Sabbath	30 Oller Day Off	31