



## St. Matthew's Church

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### Worship

Wednesday 10:00am  
(followed by Coffee Hour & Bible Study)  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am  
Church School 9:45 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month  
8:00 am

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# The Way



**The Newsletter of St. Matthew's  
Episcopal Church  
The Episcopal Church of Worcester**

*I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth,  
do you not perceive it?*

[Isaiah 43.19]

**December 2019  
The Season of Advent**

**Thoughts from your  
Interim Priest**

*He is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation . . . in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things.*

[Colossians 1:15, 20]

**Mary, Did You Know . . .**  
*Mary did you know that your baby boy  
will someday walk on water?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy  
will save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy*

*will soon deliver you.*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy  
will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy  
will calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy  
has walked where angels trod?  
And when you kiss your little baby,  
you have kissed the face of God.*

This popular song speaks to me of the meaning of Advent, especially this year.

When I hold my infant grandson, I feel again a new parent's wonder at the unfathomable mystery of just being alive.

When I look forward to the coming months, I feel both humbled and excited at realizing that no matter how carefully we plan, God's purpose will reveal itself in its own time.

This song expresses the hope that is the meaning of this season:

a vulnerable hope in the face of mystery  
a humble hope based on not knowing  
what we do not know.  
a confident hope based on trust in  
God's absolute goodness.  
a bold hope that is a light in the darkness  
a star in the heavens  
a song in the silence  
an infant's cry in the night.

The blue vestments that we will wear on the four Sundays beginning on December 1<sup>st</sup> signify this hope. Blue has been the liturgical color for Advent since the 8<sup>th</sup> century. It is sometimes called "Mary's blue," and it centers our attention on Mary during these weeks of anticipation for the birth of Christ. At the center of our prayers and meditations during Advent, Mary calls us to trust in the mystery of our future, to hope for light in the dark, to open our hearts and minds to unforeseen possibilities.

In our tradition, we do not venerate Mary as an exalted figure who stands silently and apart and above us. In our tradition, rather, Mary is the first disciple. When she accepts the angel's assurance that God will be with her through all the turns and twists of her life, she assures us that we do not walk alone. When she allows God to transform her heart

and her life, she assures us that we will be safe in the turmoil and tumult we too will face if we allow God to transform us. When she gazes on her son, she assures us that nothing is more important than allowing God to hold us.

What *did* Mary know?

She knew her purpose was to bring God  
into the world.

She knew that she had been blessed in order  
to be a blessing

She knew that it was all right to not know  
what she did not know.

Elizabeth greeted Mary by exclaiming, *Blessed are you who believed that what the Lord promised to you would be fulfilled.* (Luke 1:45)

May each of us greet each other with this same blessing.

Mother Judith

## Episcopal Church Women

The Women of St. Matthew's didn't meet in November due to the weather. However, we were able to raise \$100.00 to purchase PriceChopper Gift Cards for the SWNS. We will meet on December 19th at 6:30 P.M at the Rectory (17 Exeter Street, Auburn 01501) at the invitation of Mother Judith. We will have light refreshments, pack Christmas Stockings for our friends across the street, and then have our Yankee Swap (bring a \$3:00 wrapped gift). If you would like to help fill the stockings, just give Millie Cummings (508-755-4465) or Linda Albinson (508-852-2489) a call.

Millie Cummings

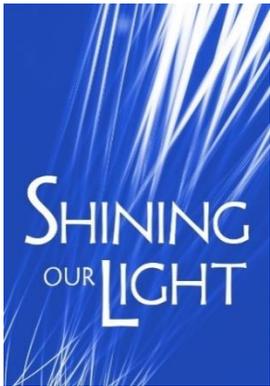


## Stewardship

### “Shining Our Light”

*“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.”*

Matthew 5:14-16



**Thank you** so very much to everyone who has already turned in your pledge card! **Thank you** for your faithful pledge commitment to the life of St. Matthew’s! The Church budget for 2020 is based largely on the total pledge amount. If you have not turned in your pledge

card, please consider filling it out (both sides!), and sending it to the Church Office *as soon as possible* so we can get on with the business of planning our future. If you would like a pledge card, please speak to Millie Cummings or Charlotte Townsend or grab one from the pew hook!

**One final note:** There once was a strongman at a circus sideshow who demonstrated his power before large audiences every night. Toward the end of one performance, he squeezed the juice from a lemon between his hands. He said to the onlookers, “I will offer \$200 to anyone here who can squeeze another drop from this lemon. A thin older lady hobbled up the stage. She picked up the lemon and clamped it between her two frail, boney hands. She squeezed. And out came a teaspoon of lemon juice. The strongman was amazed. He paid the woman \$200 and privately asked her, “What is the secret of your strength?” “Practice,” the woman answered, “I have been Treasurer of my church for forty-two years!” Let’s hope Rob Ermanski, our Treasurer, doesn’t have to put “the squeeze” on our Church Budget!

~Charlotte Townsend

## Episcopal Church Men



The Episcopal Church Men meet on the second Saturday of every month for breakfast, reflection on Scripture, and discussion of ways to serve St. Matthew’s and

the wider community.

The next meeting will be on **Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am** in the Parish Hall. We will use some of our time to help the Altar Guild with cleaning the church to prepare for Christmas and the new year.

## The South Worcester Neighborhood Center



*There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.*

-Mahatma Gandhi

### Food and Personal Items

Each week, you bring food staples and personal items, (soap, toothpaste, shampoo), to be blessed at the altar. These are delivered to The South Worcester Neighborhood Center every Wednesday. As you well know, there is a great need for these supplies in our community. Your weekly contributions are always appreciated. Thank you!

### InGathering

On **December 15<sup>th</sup>** St. Matthew’s will be blessing all of the unwrapped gifts for the South Worcester Neighborhood Center. Last year, our church donated over 700 gifts, including toys, books, gift cards, and winter clothing. Will we reach that same amount this year, or will we exceed it? Whatever the amount, it will certainly be appreciated. Thank you!

## RenewalWorks



The St. Matthew's First Annual Bible Bowl was a great success!

We laughed. We competed. We learned about the Gospel of Luke.

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS to ALL our competitors:

1. **Team Sprinkles:** Rebecca Kasenge, Lauren Gingo, Kyrah Gingo, Anita Konneh (1<sup>st</sup> place)
2. **Team 3 Men and the Lady Boss:** Rob Ermanski, Millie Cummings, Bengt Albinson, Festus Konneh (2<sup>nd</sup> place)
3. **Team Bible Busters:** George Gailor, Stephen Smith, Paris Gailor, Jaiden Shekoni
4. **Team of Grace:** Emmanuel Ndebeh, Marsayde Berry, Esther Konneh.

THANK YOU to our Questioners: Fr. Edgar Freeman, Robin Chenarak, Liz Kilpatrick.

THANK YOU to Musu Konneh for preparing the salads for our lunch and to Pam Wilson and Linda Albinson for serving

THANK YOU to Nancy Smith for donating the crosses from the Holy Land

THANK YOU to the scorekeeper (Nancy) and Emcee (Cathy)

THANK YOU to the Planning Team: Cathy Goodwin, Liz Kilpatrick, Nancy Smith, George Gailor

THANK YOU to everyone who was able to stay and support our teams.

With gratitude and many blessings,  
The Spiritual Formation Committee

### All Parish Advent Read:

#### *Waiting for the Wonder*

By Katerina Kasarka Whitley

#### Parish Discussion:

Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Hour

*Waiting for the Wonder* is a collection of brief stories about the birth of Jesus told from the point of view of various characters created from biblical accounts. For example, the prophet Amos explains the circumstances of his own vision, the angel Gabriel describes his encounter with Mary, and the innkeeper's granddaughter recounts his version of the story of Jesus' birth. Each story is just 3-4 pages long, and they can be read in any order.

*In thanksgiving for our ongoing journey,*

The Spiritual Formation Committee:

Liz Kilpatrick & Cathy Goodwin, co-Chairs; Linda and Ben Albinson, Paula Buonomo, George Gailor, Festus Konneh, Kelly MacGregor, Wendy Piscitelli, and Nancy Smith



*Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.*

[Hebrews 13:2]

As we prepare to serve our fourth 4 Corners Friendship Dinner on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, we continue to build our relationships with our neighbors, sustained by generous donations from individuals and local vendors. On November 24<sup>th</sup>, members of the Holy Cross Women's Tennis Team volunteered to help with serving, with the Children's Corner, and with cleaning up. Other groups from Holy Cross have volunteered to help with dinners in the new year. On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Santa will visit and Don Irving will lead us in singing our Christmas Carols.

Our next priorities will be to broaden our publicity efforts to include neighborhood mailings and more personal outreach, to apply for affiliation with the Worcester Food Bank, and to begin exploring new grant resources.

Making our dream come true continues to depend upon your generosity. We need financial

support, desserts, volunteers, and guests. We are at the beginning of a wonderful journey, and we give thanks for your vision and faithfulness.

[Bring a Friend . . .](#)

[Meet a Friend . . .](#)

[Make a Friend](#)

## Altar Guild Reflection



The season of Advent is upon us!! The First Sunday of Advent was once described by a young man in an Inquirer's Class as "the church's own New Year's Day." And, really it is. The church year begins with the First Sunday of Advent, always four Sundays before Christmas Day and the Sunday on or nearest to Saint Andrew's Day, November 30." This year the First Sunday of Advent is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

And we start Year A for Eucharistic readings – we are in a three year cycle (A, B & C) of Eucharistic readings in which Matthew, Mark and Luke are read in successive years with some material from John read each year. We have just finished Year C, when the Gospel of Luke has been our central Gospel text; we now move to Year A, when the Gospel of Matthew will be read on most Sundays.

Advent is a season of preparation with an atmosphere of quiet, joyful expectation. Special preparation includes, in our case, two Advent wreaths – a small one in the Chapel and a larger wooden Advent wreath in church. Our wreaths feature three blue candles and a single pink candle with a white candle in the center.

The colors for Advent can be purple or blue. St. Matthew's has a beautiful royal blue set with red highlights. "Royal blue" has two meanings: to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Lord God, King of the Universe; and to call our attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Christmas season begins with the first service on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> and continues until January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the

Epiphany. The color is white and for the Christmas and Epiphany seasons St. Matthew's uses our "fancy" white set – actually an off white set with beautiful gold trim. White is used on occasions that commemorate Christ's life on earth, like Christmas and Epiphany (also Easter). White is a symbol of purity. The purity of white is appropriate for new birth (baptism) and other important liturgies in our lives such as weddings and funerals.

The Epiphany season begins on January 6<sup>th</sup> and commemorates the manifestation or "showing forth" of Christ to the Gentiles. It was on this day that the Wise Men, all Gentiles, came to worship the Christ Child after following the star to his birthplace. The last day of Epiphany season is Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, so Epiphany is actually quite a long season – six weeks. The color white is used throughout the season of Epiphany.

So, welcome to Advent – a time of expectation and waiting that ends with what we have been waiting *for* – the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

~Charlotte Townsend

### *A Polish And Shine... Will Do Just Fine!*

**PLEASE** join members of the Altar Guild on **Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 9 am** to clean our church for the Christmas season! Cleaning supplies will be provided, so all we need is **YOU!** Coffee and light refreshment will be available and also good conversation...and a few laughs added in for good measure!

The Altar Guild is an "Equal Opportunity" group, meaning no special talent is required, so please consider giving an hour or two to help us make St. Matthew's *sparkle* and *shine* this Christmas season!! Thanks!

~Charlotte Townsend

**The Lord will come soon,  
will not delay.  
The Lord will make  
the darkest places bright.**  
[Monastic liturgy]

## Knitting and Crocheting Ministry News!

~Charlotte Townsend



*Properly practiced, knitting  
soothes the troubled spirit.  
And it doesn't hurt the  
untroubled spirit either.*  
Elizabeth Zimmerman

We met on **Saturday, November 16, 2019**. Many of us worked on blankets, Prayer Shawls, hats, and scarves. Some knitted, some crocheted. It was a very blessed gathering.



We hope you can join us next time. If you would like to learn either, please show up! We are constantly helping others learn how to knit or crochet. We have patterns, knitting needles, crochet hooks, and a wide selection of yarn. All of this is available to you, free of charge! We make Prayer Shawls, under the direction of Wendy P. We make crafts for the Church Fair, under the direction of Linda A. and Pam W. We also make winter clothing, (hats, scarves, mittens, etc.) for the South Worcester Neighborhood Center, under the direction of Robin C.

We plan to meet next month on **Saturday, December 7, 2019, from 10:00-noon** in the Parish Hall. At that time, we plan to count all of the winter clothing that has been made or donated by our group. We sincerely thank everyone that has contributed throughout the year! Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Besides this group, we now have connections from others in a variety of states. Boxes or bags of handmade hats and scarves are sent to us from as close as Vermont and New Hampshire, to as far away as Texas! Near or far, we are greatly thankful for these donations.

Once counted, everything will be brought into Church for our In-Gathering on **Sunday, December 8, 2019**. Everything will be blessed, and shortly after that, the South Worcester Neighborhood Center will be ready to receive our contribution.

Our group has established all of our meeting times for next year! Please clip and save the following dates. Thank you!

### CLIP AND SAVE:

#### 2020 Schedule for the Knitting and Crocheting Ministry

**10:00am to noon, in the Parish Hall,  
(unless noted)**

Saturday, January 4, 2020

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Saturday, June 6, 2020

Saturday, September 12, 2020, (in the Parlor)

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Saturday, November 14, 2020, (in the Parlor)

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Thank you for your support!

**Monastic Musings:  
Fr. John Julian OJN  
Being Divine and Human**

How can a Being who is Eternal, Divine, Changeless, and Pure Spirit become one and the same with a being who is earthly, temporal, changeable, and human? This "hypostatic union" means that Jesus Christ is totally and completely God – and totally and completely human at the same time! The two natures – divine and human – are united in Him inseparably, but without confusion. Neither nature loses its distinction by the union, but what is essential and proper to each is conserved. In Christ there is one

person and one substance, but there are two wills and two operations.

Now, if you understand that theological conundrum, and if you can even explain it effectively to someone else, you are doing far better than I can do after my 19 years of schooling and 60 years of theological study. And yet this theological conundrum is *precisely* what we celebrate at Christmas.

Do you see why I have always said that Christmas is NOT a celebration for *children*? Indeed, what we are celebrating is so unique, and so complex, and so all-encompassing that the greatest and most highly-trained human minds cannot fully grasp its magnitude. And this awesome event and wondrous truth is supposed to be something savored by six-year-olds?

In fact, it is only the window-dressing of celebration which appeals to children – the cute Baby-in-the-Manger (do you see what manger is?), the colorful and decorated tree, the rare opportunity to stuff oneself with usually-forbidden candy, cookies, cakes, and pies, and the chance avariciously to amass to oneself a multitude of *things* – called “gifts.” Why, if one were to add such practices to *Good Friday*, we could say it was a “children’s day,” too.

But we Are NOT children, and so Christmas for us is NOT a collection of mere “cuteness” and sentimental chestnuts roasting on an open fire (how many of you ever roasted a chestnut?). For us, it is an awesome, soul-shaking wonder – a mystery beyond our capacity even to explain – a wonder that shows us the high price of true love – and the real nature of sacrifice. Christmas is the time when God actually gave up a measure of His own freedom in order to offer perfect freedom to all humans.

And those who travelled far to worship Him there in His Humanity were the wisest human beings alive on earth in that day – the Magi – the Wise Men! And it is the *wise* who continue to worship Him.

Submitted by Stephen Smith

## Sconeheads News



*Books and doors are the same thing. You open them and you go through into another world.*

- Jeanette Winterson

We met on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 to discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover. We certainly had a lively discussion with fellow book enthusiasts. The food was spectacular as well! Join us next time!

Next (with our All-Parish Read), the book selected is *Waiting for the Wonder* by Katarina Whitley. The Sconeheads will discuss this book on **Wednesday, December 4, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor.

The next book has also been picked! The Group decided upon *Still Life* by Louise Penney. Are you ready to put this on your 2020 calendar? The date chosen is **Wednesday, January 22, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.** We plan to meet in the Parlor.

We hope to see you at one, or both of these gatherings!

What gift can we give our Savior,  
born the Christ Child?  
What can I give Him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man,  
I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him:  
I give my heart.

[Christina Rossetti]

## Sunday School & Youth Group

On **December 1<sup>st</sup>** our Sunday School will lead us in worship as we begin the new liturgical year on the First Sunday of Advent. At that service, we will hold the Commissioning of all our liturgical ministers: Acolytes, Lectors, Chalicists, Altar Guild, and Ushers.

During December the Sunday School will prepare for our annual Christmas Pageant, to be held on January 5<sup>th</sup>, the day we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.

Members of our Youth Group will be our volunteer crew for our 4 Corners Friendship Dinner on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our monthly meetings will be suspended until later in 2020.

Our annual 30-Hour Famine will be held on February 29<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>, in coordination with the Parish Quiet Day that weekend.



### Parish Secretary's Notes



I will be updating the Prayer List for December. Please let me know the names of people you want either to keep or to add to the Prayer List. All others will be deleted.

There are two nice Wegman bags in my office. If they are yours, please take them.

The top shelf in the office is getting cluttered again. Please put away what you can and whatever is left will be put in the Counter's closet or in the Storage Room downstairs. Thank you for helping to keep the office neat.

Lastly, I'd like to offer an Advent invitation by John Gugel:

*Advent is an opportune time to quietly listen for the voice of God lovingly calling his people to journey to a new place of God's own choosing.*

- Where is God calling you to go this Advent?
- What do you need for the journey?
- What can you count on God to supply?

May God bless your Advent journey.

Audrey Cronin, Parish Secretary

# Diocese of Western Massachusetts

## Diocesan Convention

November 9, 2019

### *Holy Earth, Holy People: Restoring God's Creation*



Attending the annual Diocesan Convention is an excellent way to learn about all of the great work that is currently going on in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. This year the theme of the convention was “Restoring God’s Creation” - balancing finite resources

with the needs of the people. The preacher at the Eucharist was Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, the Missioner for Creation Care in our Diocese. Four beautiful Creation Care banners which have been gifted to the Diocese were on display at the altar.

Bishop Douglas Fisher’s annual address began with his review of the meaningful work during the past year, from the Berkshires to Worcester County. “We dare to go where the people are,” he said, as he pointed toward Episcopal missions on the Appalachian trail, at Walking Together in Worcester’s Main South neighborhood, and at the Women’s Correctional Facility in Chicopee. He has put out a challenge to Western MA congregations- “I volunteer to walk from one parish to another, ending with a meal and evening prayer.” Bishop Fisher is

always on the move! Bishop Fisher continued his address by saying “It’s our challenge to save the Earth” and added that advocacy, collaboration, prayer, and education are needed. He invited all parishes to make a commitment to preach on Creation Care and said that the Diocese would provide materials. Other topics that were included in his address mentioned gun violence, racial reconciliation, and immigrant and refugee rights.

Throughout the convention, reports were given from the following groups: Building Bridges, Walking Together, The Veteran’s Lunch Program, the Creation Care Team, the Lawrence House Interns, Love in a Backpack, and the Latino Ministry’s new project at St Mark’s in Worcester led by Father Jose Reyes.



Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Goodwin  
St Matthew’s Lay  
Delegate

*St. Matthew’s was also represented at Diocesan Convention by Kim Rossi, Festus Konneh, and the Rev. Judith Lee*



## December Coffee Hour & Greeter Schedule

Date	Coffee Hour	Greeter
12/1/19	Everyone	Pam Wilson
12/8/19	Everyone	Linda Albinson
12/15/19	Everyone	Staci MacGregor
12/22/19	Everyone	Lois Ann Cummings
12/29/19	Everyone	Wendy Piscitelli

### Coffee Hour

Providing for Coffee Hour is open to everyone. If you like the Coffee Hour, please consider bringing in something to share with others. Also, think about helping to clean up.

Millie Cummings

Saturday, December 21, 2019 5 pm

Holy Eucharist Blue Christmas

*Instead of the Lectionary readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our service will include Scripture and prayers that express the sadness that many people feel during this season – perhaps from loss, or illness, or financial difficulty or loneliness. We offer our complicated feelings to God. We will offer our complicated feelings to God for healing and transformation. We pray with and for those for whom this is a “blue season,” that they may find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone.*

## Weekends in December

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** 8:00 am First Sunday Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Family Service; Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers  
11:30 am Executive Committee

### December 7<sup>h</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday** 10 am – noon Knitting & Crocheting Ministry  
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
**Sunday** 10:00 am Ingathering of winter clothing for SWNC  
11:30 am Parish Discussion: *Waiting for the Wonder* by Katerina Whitley  
1:00 pm Special Vestry Meeting

### December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday** 9:00 am Episcopal Church Men  
9am – noon Altar Guild Cleaning Day  
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
**Sunday** 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 am Sunday School Classes  
10:00 am Ingathering of Christmas gifts for SWNC  
11:30 am Vestry meeting

### December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Saturday** 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel: "Blue Christmas"  
**Sunday** 10:00am Christmas Carols on Demand  
4 pm – 6 pm 4 Corners Friendship Dinner  
Carols & a visit from Santa

### December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday** 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
**Sunday** 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 am Sunday School Classes  
10am Holy Eucharist in the Church

### **Christmas Eve**

**5 pm** Family Service of Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord  
**11 pm** Festival Service of Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

### **Christmas Day**

**10 am** Service of Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

### **Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>: Epiphany Sunday**

**8 am** First Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist  
**10 am** Family Service: Christmas Pageant in the Church

# Saint Matthew's Parish Calendar

## December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Mother Judith's Schedule</b>  <b>Office: Monday- Thursday</b>            9am-1pm            1pm-4pm: pastoral visits &amp; meetings by appointment  <b>Friday</b> Day off  <b>Saturday</b> meetings by appointment;            5 pm HE</p>						
<p><b>1- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>8:00 am Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>10:00 am Holy Eucharist – Family Service</b>  <b>11:30 am – Executive Committee</b></p>	2	3	<p><b>4 10am</b>            Healing Service &amp; Bible Study  <b>7pm</b>            Sconeheads</p>	5	6	<p><b>7 10 – Noon – Knitting &amp; Crocheting Ministry</b>   <b>5pm Holy Eucharist</b></p>
<p><b>8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Choir Rehearsal  <b>9:45</b> Sunday School  <b>10:00 am</b> Holy Eucharist  <b>11:30 am</b> Parish Discussion: Waiting for the Wonder  <b>1:00 pm – Special Vestry Meeting</b></p>	9	10	<p><b>13 10am –</b>            Healing Service &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><b>12 6-9 pm</b>            Laundry Love</p>	13	<p><b>14 9:00 am</b> Episcopal Church Men  <b>9am-noon</b>            Altar Guild cleaning   <b>5 pm</b> Holy Eucharist</p>
<p><b>15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>9 am</b> Choir Rehearsal  <b>9:45 am –</b> Sunday School  <b>10 am</b> Holy Eucharist  <b>11:30 am</b> Vestry Meeting</p>	16	17	<p><b>18 10am –</b>            Healing Service &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><b>19 6:30 pm –</b>            Women of St. Matthew's @ the Rectory</p>	02	<p><b>21 5pm</b> Holy Eucharist            "Blue Christmas"</p>
<p><b>22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Choir Rehearsal  <b>9:45am</b> Sunday School  <b>10:00 am</b> Holy Eucharist  <b>4-6 pm</b> 4 Corners Friendship Dinner: Carol Sing with Santa</p>	35	<p><b>24 Christmas Eve</b>            Holy Eucharist:  <b>5 pm &amp; 11 pm</b></p>	<p><b>25 Christmas Day</b>  <b>10am</b>            Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b>26</b>            Office Closed</p>	27	<p><b>28 5pm –</b> Holy Eucharist</p>
<p><b>29 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> Holy Eucharist</p>	30	31				<p><b>Office Hours:</b>  <b>9:30 am – Noon</b>  <b>Monday-Thursday</b></p>

