

Glad Tidings *December 2025*



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The Rev. Hillary Kimsey, Vicar

Vicar's Voice

Blessed Advent, siblings in Christ!

The early Christians treated Advent similarly to Lent: a time of special devotion, acts of charity, self-denial, and prayer to get us ready to celebrate our holiest days. I love this season because what we are doing in church on Sundays is so countercultural to what is happening around us! While the stores play peppy Mariah Carey Christmas music and TVs fill with cheerful holiday-themed movies, we are entering a time of fasting and prayerful preparation. In fact, many of the scripture readings each Sunday of Advent are about the end of the world as we know it! We might call them "apocalyptic" readings, but think of it this way: the end of the world as we know it is a *good* thing!

Can you imagine a world where there were no wars? No prejudice or hatred? No sense of uneasiness or despair to go with morning news? No poverty or injustice? No looming sense of untraceable dread? That is the ending we are preparing for during Advent every year! When Christ was born, God came down to live among us, to teach us how to create that new reality. We haven't perfected it yet, but every Advent, we remember that as Christians, we are working to come ever closer to the end of the world as we know it and in-breaking of God's kingdom all around us! And so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

We have three different opportunities for you to engage spiritually with Advent at St. Antony's this year.

1. Episcopal 101: every Sunday morning at 9(ish), we will be going through [Bishop Michael Curry's Way of Love Advent study](#). All are welcome-- we meet in the Gathering Room between services.

2. Advent Soup Suppers: On Wednesday Dec. 3, 10, and 17, we will gather for soup and bread at 5:30pm. We will be reflecting on [Run, Shepherds, Run](#), a book of daily devotions from Advent through the 12 days of Christmas. This book features a short reflection and a poem for each day of the season. Even if you can't make the Advent soup suppers, I commend it to you as a source of inspiration and prayer. Read along with us!

3. Thursday Bible Study: Esther will be guiding us through [Voices of Advent by Michael Skinner](#) at 12:30pm on Dec. 4, 11, and 18. I am looking forward to it!

May this time of prayer and preparation be rich with meaning for you! I encourage you to intentionally find time for God this busy season! Do what works for you: whether it is reading one or more of these books, spending time in prayer, volunteering at a food bank, walking in nature, or something else! Just like the holidays in general, *what* we do or buy or receive doesn't matter; it's *who* we do it for, who we spend it with that matters most. Amen! **Mother Hillary+**

*The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming community
who worships God, grows in Christ, and serves others.
Gather, Grow, and Go!*

Musings from your Bishop's Warden

I would like to share some of the amazing work that has been done on our church property this year. As it is Thanksgiving weekend, I would also like to thank the wonderful people who have made these transformational works happen.

Last year a committee started designing and creating a permanent sign for our entry.

Thank you to Lori and Bill Fagan and Benny Wright for their beautiful work and construction of this. Fighting with permits, materials and weather, the sign was dedicated (and decorated with the handprints on the base of many of our youth) this summer.



Our wetlands (swamp in the back) were transformed by the tireless work of the Landscape committee let by Heather Carnocki this summer. She was able to get a grant from Kitsap County to have them do the majority



of labor and pay for EVERYTHING planted in the garden. We are now a designated “Rain Garden” for them to use as a model. **Thank YOU** Heather for your planning and insight into how to transform that area. Cannot wait for spring to see the new growth.

The Memorial Garden Committee let by Loretta McGinley has done an amazing job of utilizing the north side of the property and imagining how to transform it into a peaceful garden and labyrinth. She negotiated, encouraged, and found the right people to design and implement our image into life. Hope you all get a chance to sit on the rocks and walk the labyrinth as the plants take hold. The is only the first phase, more plants, benches and a cross are to be installed in the next phase.

THANK YOU Loretta, I know you felt challenged, but you led like a champ!!!



While we don't have any after photos to share (YET) Lori Fagan has tackled the Heritage Barn world and was able to get our barn listed on the registry of Washington State Historical Barns. This allowed us to apply for a matching grant to put a REAL roof and not a tarp. If we are awarded this (soon to know) we can put a new metal roof and cupola on in the spring to preserve this building and allow us to continue to improve the inside. **THANK YOU** Lori for your insight and research to make this dream a reality.





AND last but not least, the rental house. We have named it Apiary Acres and that might stick? Our renters left this past July, and since then we have had quite a big challenge to make it ready to rent again. Unfortunately very little was done to upkeep it and the house is 55 years old and when we acquired it, we painted it and added carpet, but not much else. SO, the list of what has been done is extensive and I would like to highlight that my husband Jim Foley has been working on this as “Project manager” whenever we are in town. The BC started by spending a few days with emptying out the leftovers into the commercial dumpster until it was full and removed. Jesse Sherwin spent some prickly time cleaning out the front garden so we could get in the driveway, thank you also for the extra eyes and great list we have used to check off what needed to be done. We also hired a landscape crew to find the front of the house. It was covered in overgrown trees and blackberries which hid a lot of garbage.

We discovered the reasons all the lights the tenants said didn’t work were because they needed light bulbs. Jim purchased \$400 worth of LED bulbs to replace them. He also replaced the ancient fluorescent fixtures in the basement with LED fixtures. Yes that took new wiring. Then the cleaning crew had to wash and scrub all the walls and ceilings so we could paint. Painting seemed to take FOREVER, and thank you to the crew that kept coming back. Meanwhile Jim and Dave Peterson and Bill Fagan put their construction skills to the test. Plumbing corrected in all the bathrooms, kitchen and a new laundry room were added. Repairs of poorly done electrical and lights took weeks and Dave added lights to all the bedrooms. Jim reorganized the laundry, doors and walls moved so a donated washer/dryer could be upstairs. There is a new shower door installed to replace the one that didn’t fit and was leaking. The dishwasher and wall oven were replaced and of course they needed adjustment to actually work and fit.

Did we mention that we couldn’t find the source of water that was apparently a common happening in the basement? Well, if you run the concrete from the driveway to the house at 6 inches above the foundation.....yup it washed into the house through the sill plate and rim joist that was so rotten that a tree

had sent a root along it to get water. Jackhammer, new curtain drain dug, jack up the house at that corner and rebuild all the rotten woodwork, seal it for a flood and voila, the basement is dry and no longer smells like a swamp :) That added about 2 weeks.

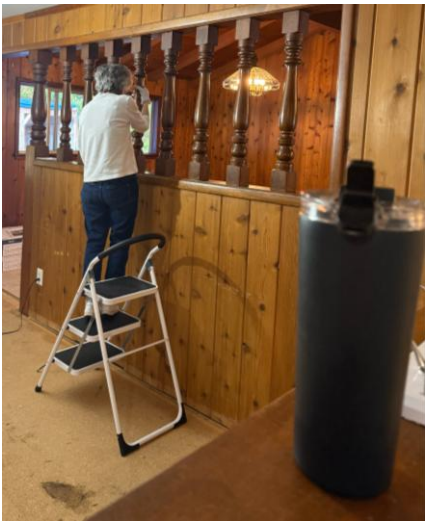
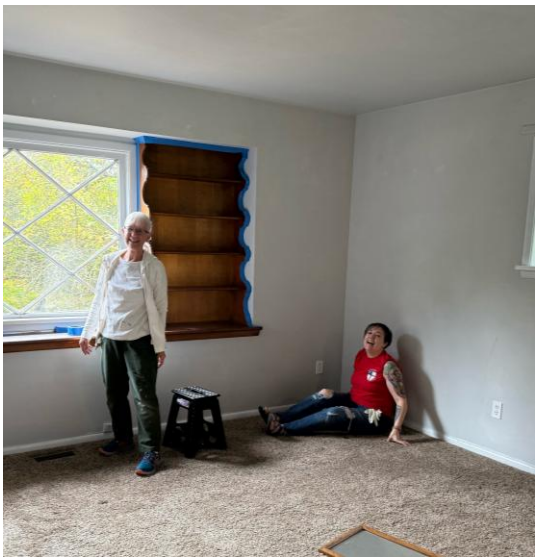
The floor in the living room, hallway and main bathroom are all new LVP installed by the talented Bill Fagan and Jim Foley. Tile hearth and rearrangement of heat ducts in living room was fun. Trim was added to all the other flooring that was missing, and a few other locations that had gaps.

The fireplaces have caps, the firebox is looking new, and an electric fireplace has been installed in the dining room. It is sealed at the top as it is not functional for real fires. The dryer vents (there were 3???) have been removed from basement and sealed, that might help with the squirrels and mice that were freeloading in the basement, The stairs and the main beam in the basement have been reinforced (or attached) to make the main floor more earthquake friendly. The refrigerator has had a water line added from the basement to run the ice maker that was missing the bin. The front door has a new sill plate so no air gap, and both doors have been painted with 5 coats of sunny paint to match the trim.

All the windows were “vintage” and the front four were the worst. They didn’t open in two of the bedrooms and that is a code violation. So there are 4 new windows and trim in. There are 5 more in back that will need replacement when we can afford it. I am sure I am forgetting somethings, but hopefully you get the idea that

this has been a effort of some incredible people and I am grateful. Every step has had a new challenge and Jim and Bill are often heard saying “ if it’s not one thing, it’s another.....”.

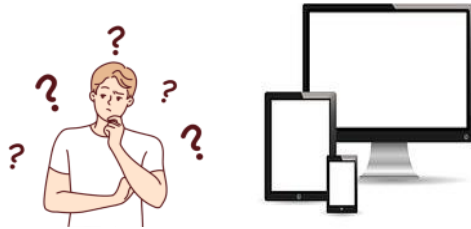




Thank you to Jim, Bill, Lori, Dave, Kathy A, Loretta, Marj, Sarah D, Rev Linda, Jesse Sherwin, Mother Hillary and others who stepped in and helped with this project.

I think we are close to finishing, a bit of wood and yard waste removal from the back and hopefully new tenants!





Several people have expressed a need for help with their computer skills. Kitsap County has a valuable resource that can help you no matter what your age. It is called Kitsap Computing Seniors. They offer free (or low-cost) resources to learn in Kitsap or on the web.

Bring your laptop or tablet to the Sylvan Way library Thursdays between 11am and 12:30 pm. KCS Volunteers will help you with individual questions free.

Or as a paying member (\$20 /year), you may attend Zoom classes where you can ask questions & practice your skills, and hands-on classes where you can bring your own laptop or use a loaner, ask questions and learn new things.

According to their site, there are “Absolute Beginner” hands-on classes – Windows + (some Apple & Android) at the Sylvan Way branch of the Kitsap Regional Library on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month in the Henninger Meeting Room from 11am to 12:30pm.

For more information here is a link to their website: <https://kitsapcomputingseniors.org/>



Pastoral Care Commission
Kathy Avery

Men's Christmas Breakfast and Gift Exchange

Where: St. Antony's

When: Saturday, December 20 at 8:00 am

Don't forget to sign-up

Please bring your appetite and a gift to exchange valued at \$20 or less.

Always a good time!



A Note from Sandy Martin

Hello dear friends. After two months, I thought I'd finally finished setting up my new place. Then it hit me: rethink it, lady.

You have to move (where to?) almost half of your stuff in the living room. It's time for Advent wreath and candles and fresh greenery. And how will you set up your over-sized Nativity? Ah well, it'll take care of itself with a little help.

I am settling in, making new friends, and even remembering their names rather quickly. Bethlehem Woods Village does present a unique aspect, however. I didn't expect to meet others who, like myself, moved here from half-way across the country, but I didn't expect to meet so many who moved here from less than a mile away. Several point out their former homes as we pass them on the bus heading to the grocery store. Life can be very interesting. My new address:

Her address and phone numbers can be found on slips of paper in the Narthex. I do not publish addresses and phone numbers in the online version of the newsletter.

The following was written by Pat Bergen, CSJ as a birthday greeting to a friend. It was so well liked, they made it a "prayer card." I only have the one copy, but I really wish to give it to each of you, my dear St. A's family. So, close your eyes for a minute and allow yourself to feel and to know how much you are loved.... by Spirit, by your family and friends..... and by me. I love and miss you all.

Sandy

*On the day you were born
the stars sparkled
and galaxies danced.
The sun beamed and
called out your name.
Sounds of rejoicing
echoed throughout the land
and the universe
broke into song.*

*Each year your life
gifts the universe with
more loveliness and wisdom
more gratitude and friendship
Celebration abounds
because of you!
Pat Bergen, CSJ*

Outreach Commission Update

REARVIEW MIRROR:

Thanks to everyone who donated 2026 calendars and toiletry items to [Mission to Seafarers](#). Items were delivered to the Mission to Seafarers representative in November.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the [Central Kitsap Foodbank](#) (CKFB) packaging event for the Kitsap County **Commodities Senior Food Program** on Thursday, 11/13/25. See pictures attached. Once again, St. Antony's was very well represented with 15 participants, "overwhelming" the program director with a large, energetic group of hard-working volunteers.

LOOKING AHEAD:

[Kidzz Helping Kidzz](#) 2025 Toy Drive. Three boxes have been delivered to the church awaiting toy donations. Boxes will be available for donations until Sunday, December 14th. Thanks for supporting this worthy program as we look to exceed the 100 toys donated by St. Antony's for the 2024 Toy Drive. Please reference the posters attached to the boxes for donation recommendations for new toys kids ages 2 – 16.

[Central Kitsap Foodbank](#) (CKFB) packaging event for the Kitsap County **Commodities Senior Food Program** (round 2) scheduled for Thursday, 12/11/25. Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to participate in this event. If you're interested in volunteering for this event, please reach out to Tim van As (tcvanas@gmail.com).



Meet your Bishop's Committee



Holly Foley
Bishop's Warden



Marj Zantek
People's Warden



Cris McCarty
Clerk of the BC
Website Manager



Kathy Gero
Parish Life



Chelsea Reeder
Welcoming



Tim van As
Outreach



Sarah Bishop Dolbec
Faith Formation



Kathy Avery
Pastoral Care



Sarah Rogers
Communications



Dave Peterson
Facilities & Environment



Melanie Reeder
Welcoming

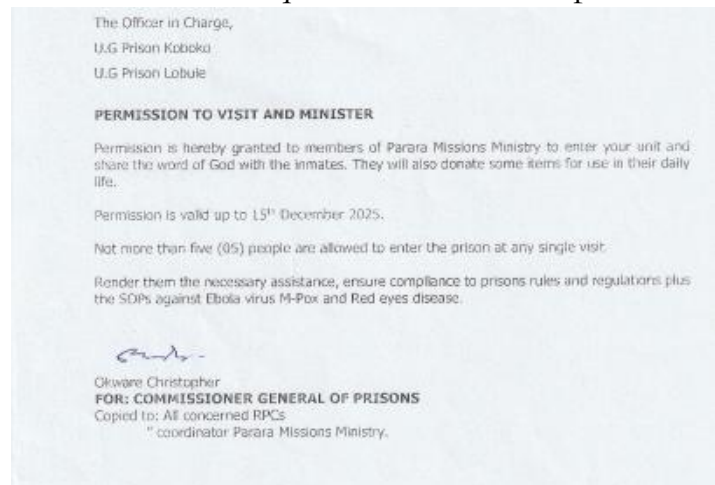
Please contact one of these persons if you have questions or concerns or ideas within their commission.

MOU

Several members of the Kairos Koboko advisory council joined me for a brief meeting with the officer-in-charge (also called OC) of Koboko prison. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Kairos memorandum of understanding (MOU), and to request a letter that can be included with our request for renewal of permission for prison ministry at Koboko prison.

Debora, the officer who has been given responsibility to coordinate all spiritual programs at Koboko prison because they do not have a chaplain, met with us a few weeks prior to our meeting with the OC. She had provided the OC and Brian (another officer involved with spiritual affairs at Koboko prison) with copies of the MOU and information about the science behind Kairos prior to our arrival. Discussion revealed they had not looked over what they received, they only considered Debora's verbal report. All indications were that report was favorable to us. They were eager to hear what we had to say. I gave a high-level summary of the different activities covered (in the MOU) and why they, as prison officers, might be interested. One of our advisory council members and Debora both added details.

The OC promised to read the MOU. We invited him to come with questions when we return for a follow-up meeting. He agreed and scheduled the follow-up meeting for two weeks later. (This follow-up meeting is after the submission date for December newsletters; however, it is before the date this letter is due to be printed. At the end of page 2 of this newsletter there is a web address for my blog which will contain news about this follow-up meeting.) The OC also delegated the recommendation letter to Debora and asked her to have it ready for the follow-up meeting.



This is the letter that was issued for ministry year 2025. In the Uganda Prison System (UPS) the ministry year begins on 16 December.

Kairos Prison Ministry International
INSTITUTIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

INSTITUTION NAME: _____

INSTITUTION CITY AND STATE: _____

KAIROS STATE CHAPTER: _____

PURPOSE: This document provides general guidelines which will permit Kairos Prison Ministry International (Kairos) to operate effectively within the Correctional Institution (Institution). Kairos uses a detailed Program Manual and extensively trains its volunteers. Kairos will provide one main contact (Institution Liaison) for communication. Kairos works best when it operates in cooperation with the Institution and with each party treating the other with mutual respect and due regard for common goals.

GOALS: Kairos is designed to help those impacted by incarceration learn how to make better choices, to forgive, have better behavior while in prison, and learn to have positive relationships with their families so they will have a better re-entry and to reduce recidivism. All these elements make Kairos a Behavior Modification Program.

Kairos is designed to be delivered in any male or female maximum or medium security prison without any change in format or substantive change in procedure. It has operated since 1976 very successfully in Federal and State Institutions across the nation and internationally with long-term, stable populations.

The components of the Kairos program are:

1) Kairos 3 ½ Day Weekends:

a) Kairos will be allowed to conduct a minimum of two 3½-Day short-course program (Weekends) annually. Separate Kairos Weekends may be held in a different unit or yard within the same Institution. Specific dates and number of Weekends will be at the approval of the Warden.

b) The number of Kairos volunteers needed to conduct a Kairos Weekend is stipulated on page 88 of the Kairos Inside Program Manual. The Kairos volunteers will conduct each Weekend for classes of up to 42 residents (Participants) as long as there are enough Kairos volunteers according to the class. Each Kairos Weekend must be held in 3 ½ consecutive days. Participants attending the Weekend will be released to the Weekend room location by approximately 4:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:00 a.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings, and permitted to remain until approximately 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and approximately 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Whenever possible, the Institution will provide a separate room to be used as a Chapel near the Weekend location.

c) Kairos will submit a list of all volunteer contributions to the Weekend to the Institution.

All of us came out of the meeting feeling positive. One team member, our local government representative, said the OC was ready to sign the MOU. I hope so. It will allow us to expand the ministry, offering the full discipleship ministry of Kairos inside.

A complete copy of the Kairos MOU can be found at
https://www.mykairos.org/docs/ac/institutional_memorandum.pdf

Thanksgivings	Prayer Requests
- The Officer-in-Charge of Koboko prison is interested in Kairos. - Kairos Uganda is working to develop Advisory Councils in the Kampala (capital) area. We will not be the only Advisory Council and Kairos team in Uganda for much longer. Yea. - Another ministry within Parara Missions has successfully reached into South Sudan helping people there look beyond their civil war and towards reconciliation. - For each of you, always.	- Kairos Prison Ministry as it develops in Uganda. - The Parara Missions NGO license is pending. Once issued I can apply for a longer-term visa, making it easier to focus on ministry. Please hold this process in prayer. - Please hold the process of the annual renewal of our permission for prison ministry letter(s) in prayer. - All those traveling for Christmas.

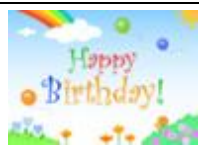


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December Birthdays

1	Jackie Vincent
2	Carole Nau
2	Carolyn Sorrell
7	Melo Scanlon
7	Elizabeth Burgess
13	Gail Ferguson
16	Winter Winslow
19	Helen Stockton
21	Connie Zapp
21	Braden Robinson
22	Bill Reeder
24	Carol Smith
28	Rev. Hillary Kimsey
28	Daniel Ferguson
29	Donny Manning



December Anniversaries

21	Melo & Lenia Scanlon
29	Kay & Bob Kellogg
30	Mark & Gail Westin

The deadline for the January Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, December 23rd** at 10am.

Please send all submissions to:
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Welcome to our church family!

Financial Report October			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$25,088.02	\$261,172.86	Local Checking	\$4,696.83
Operating Expenses	\$24,017.82	\$285,274.41	Local Savings	\$396.97
Net in October	\$1,070.20	(\$24,101.55)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$234,006.37
			Total	\$239,100.17

December 2025 Schedule

JOBS	December 7 2nd Sunday of Advent	December 14 3rd Sunday of Advent	December 21 4th Sunday of Advent	December 24 Christmas Eve	December 24 Christmas Eve	December 25 Christmas Day 9:30 am	December 28 1st Sunday after Christmas
EM	Ruth L.	Donna H.	Elizabeth M.			Marj Z.	Mary C.
LC/OT & NT	Cheryl W.	Dee P.	Norma T.			Melo S.	Donna H.
				5pm	10:30 pm		
EM 10:15	Jason K.	Cris M.	Peter S.	Cris M.	Jason K.		Peter S.
LC/OT 10:15 am	Audra A.	Jim F.	Sarah R.	Cheryl W.	Elizabeth M.		Audra A.
LC/NT 10:15	Stu S.	Cris M.	Elizabeth F.	Luke R.	Peter S.		Stu S.
ACOLYTES							
USHER	Dave P. Peter S.	Linda R. Carole N.	Mark W. Tim v.	Bill F. Rick Z.			Dave P. Peter S.
COUNTERS		Marj Z. David W.					Jim F. Holly H.
COFFEE HOUR							
Bpod	Holly F.	Tim v.	Marj Z.	Dave P.			Kathy G.
1st LESSON	Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 35:1-10	Isaiah 7:10-16	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 52:7-10	Isaiah 61:10- 62:3
PSALM	Psalms 72:1- 7, 18-19	Psalms 146:4-9	Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18	Psalms 96	Psalms 96	Psalms 98	Psalms 147 or 147:13-21
2nd LESSON	Romans 15:4-13	James 5:7-10	Romans 1:1-7	Titus 2:11-14	Titus 2:11-14	Hebrews 1:1-4	Galatians 3:23- 25; 4:4-7
GOSPEL	Matthew 3:1-12	Matthew 11:2-11	Matthew 1:18- 25	Luke 2:1- 14(15-20)	Luke 2:1- 14(15-20)	John 1:1-14	John 1:1-18

Roster of Volunteers for Services

If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone from this list.

(A strike through a name means they are not available now but will be back.)

LECTORS 8am	LECTORS 10:15	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	COUNTERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
Donna Hilton	Audra A.	8am	Jim Foley	Suzanne B.	Caroline A.
Ruth L.	Elizabeth F.	Mary Collier	Norma T.	Bill Fagan	Nolan A.
Elizabeth M.	Jim Foley	Donna Hilton	David W.	Holly Hoxeng	Jason K.
Dee Perreira	Nyah Fox	Ruth Lindstrum	Marj Zantek-	Carole Nau	Chelsea R.
Melo S.	Jason K.	Elizabeth Moorhead		Dave P.	Luke R.
Norma T.	Cris M.			Linda R.	Soren V.
Cheryl W.	Luke R.	10:15 am		Rich Rogers	Ellery V.
	Sarah R.	Holly Hoxeng	A – Comp.	Peter S.	Cris McCarty
	Maggie S.	Jason Kimes	B - Assist.	Tim van As	
	Stu Smith	Cris McCarty		Mark Westin	
	Peter S.	Sarah Rogers		Rick Zapp	
	Marj Zantek	Peter Stockwell			
		Marj Zantek			

December

2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:30 pm Advent Soup Supper	4 12:30 pm Bible Study	5 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon	6 Vicar's Day Off
7 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 1:30-6pm Recitals	8	9 Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group 1:30 pm Pastoral Care Mtg.	10 11am Outreach Mtg 5:30 pm Advent Soup Supper	11 Noon BC Reports Due 12:30 pm Bible Study	12 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon Cleaners	13 Vicar's Day Off
14 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 6pm Youth Group 11:45 am - BC Mtg	15	16 11 am Witty Knitters	17 10am Landscape Team Meeting 5:30 pm Advent Soup Supper	18 12:30 pm Bible Study	19 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon	20 Vicar's Day Off 8am Men's Christmas Breakfast/ Gift Exchange 10pm Greening of the Church
21 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 9:30 & 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Teen Bible Study 5:30 pm Blue Christmas Service	22 2pm Youth Group (Cookie baking)	23 10am Newsletter Deadline Noon New Beginnings Contemplative Group	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm 10:30 pm	25 Christmas Day 9:30 am	26 Vicar's Day Off Music Group 9- noon Cleaners	27 Vicar's Day Off
28 Rev. Dick Scott 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Episcopal 101 9:30 & 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Project Linus 1-4	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

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