

# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



## The Blessing of Recognition

Dear St. Barnabasians,

As we approach Christmas and Epiphany once again, I am recognizing that the Magi, like Mary and Joseph, went on an unexpected journey that could also be described as a pilgrimage. There are numerous examples of pilgrims who were in exile or journeying far from home due to circumstances outside of their control. Joseph's trip to Egypt certainly wasn't planned. And yet, sometimes a pilgrim recognizes God's identity and movement in a new way during in the course of their journey. And, by remembering those who went on a holy journey, their sacred pilgrimage can continue to inform our own.

"The Schyler Sisters" song from the musical Hamilton gives voice to the perspectives of three wealthy sisters as they reflect on their adventures in light of their own particular historical moment, at the beginning of the American Revolution. For them, history was in the making, and they were thankfully recognizing it happening in their midst. They sang *"Look around, look around, at how lucky we are to be alive right now."* Their gratitude flowed from an awareness of the miracle of life itself, and how inspiring it is when people come together to resist despotism—standing up for a new expression of government of the people, by the people, and for the people, by God. Their courage reminds me of the time-tested wisdom of the prophet Isaiah: *"Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together."* This passage from the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah is one of our readings for Epiphany. There may be significant challenges that we face as a country and as a congregation, and yet, I am also hopeful that we can continue to recognize the blessings in our own lives as well, as we engage our Advent preparations once again.

I shared in my annual report about one week of my continuing education in 2025—learning in an interfaith program at the Holocaust Museum. Learning about the Rohingya community's experience of exile in Bangladesh gave me a deeper understanding of what it means that most of our Scriptures were composed or compiled in exile outside of Jerusalem—with much of the Hebrew Bible codified in Babylon and most (if not all) of our Christian Scriptures written and codified across the Mediterranean, under the Pax Romana. I am thankful for the

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The Rev. John Bolin Shellito  
Rector

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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***Worship Schedule***

8 a.m. Sunday Holy

**The Blessing of Recognition** *(continued from p. 1)*

individuals of all different genders and religions helping out through the UN as well as for those helping through the Islamic practice of Zakat, as I believe they have both been meaningfully supporting the Rohingya community through their experience of exile in Bangladesh, even as the Rohingya themselves wonder whether they will ever be able to return “home.” And, if circumstances do require a more permanent departure, the value of natural and entirely man-made storm barriers, such as those already in place in Venice, St. Petersburg, and New Orleans will only increase. While I remain hopeful that we are well-positioned for the future here in Annandale, I am thankful for the resilience of our congregation on the whole, and our continuing ministries to assist one another and others outside of our congregation as we are able—to be a part of God’s redemptive healing and protection in a world that has been broken by violence and idolatry. We are continuing our journeys in remembrance of those close to us who have shown us the Way, and also in remem-

**ACCA News** ■ ***Annandale Christian Community for Action***

ACCA’s **Furniture ministry** gives gently used furniture to households who need furniture and collects donations. St. Barnabas’ turn to provide a crew for the ministry is on *December 13*. Volunteers meet at the furniture warehouse on the grounds of Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale at 8 a.m. We are also scheduled to serve on March 14 and May 30, 2026.

Thank you to everyone who walked, volunteered for or donated to the **Annandale CROP Hunger Walk**. The walk raises funds for **Church World Service (CWS)**, which works with partner organizations around the world to fight against hunger and the challenges of disease, disaster, and displacement. ACCA will receive a share of funds raised by the Annandale Walk. Walkers from St. Barnabas’ were Bob and Connie Gribbin, Diana Greer, Hugh Agnew, John+, Amos and Cat Shellito. Molly Newling, Elsa and Taylor Cannon, and Ken and Camille Mittelholtz helped at the walk. St. Barnabas’ walkers raised close to \$3000 for Church World Service. Fifteen children made posters for the CROP Walk during Children’s Chapel, and the posters were displayed at the walk.

ACCA’s **Family Emergency Program** assists households needing urgent help with rent and utility payments, working closely with Fairfax County social workers. In July-September, ACCA helped 77 households (232 people) rent and utility payments and gave 241 households (701 people) ten days’ supply of food and hygiene products. Thank you to everyone who donated food to the ACCA **Food Pantry** and the Annandale United Methodist Church Heritage Mission Center food site. The Mission Center gives groceries to about 350 households a week. You can leave donations for the food programs in the baskets in the narthex.

**The Shepherd’s Center of Annandale Springfield/ACCA** Transportation Program (SCAS) continues to need volunteer drivers to give rides to medical appointments for seniors

and rides for needy clients under 50. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact the SCAS office at (703) 941-1419 or email [shepherdscas@vacoxmail.com](mailto:shepherdscas@vacoxmail.com).

## Coincidences

My first wife, Carolyn Faye Barshinger Barber, was born on Nov 13, 1942. That date happened to be Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Given what happened to Carolyn later in life I sometimes wondered if that was an omen. I finally concluded it was just a coincidence.

Carolyn was an artist who belonged to three galleries at the Torpedo factory in Alexandria. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1987 she was driving to The factory on the GW Parkway on her way to "Printmaker's Inc" (She was one of eight members) where it was her turn to man the gallery, wait on buyers and work on one of her prints. A young man came off the Roosevelt Bridge and T-boned the driver's side. Carolyn was killed instantly. That day happened to be Good Friday.

Her father, Frederick Barshinger, died on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1999. I have talked with our Rector about whether the tragedies on these religious dates "means" anything. He shared that his family also experienced a death on Easter Sunday. We concluded that although the tragedies impact our experience of Good Friday and Easter, and our remembrances of those we love but see no longer, the occurrences on those dates were probably just happenstance – probably just coincidences.

In 1977 Carolyn, Our son, Alex and I returned to Washington to our House on Sherier Place NW in The District from my five-year tour in Bonn, Germany. The house was small with four rooms, a full basement and an attic reached via a Murphy ladder ( pull-down stairs) The house sat on an 1800 sq ft lot. We had registered Alex for the first grade at the nearest public school in DC. As soon as we walked into the house Carolyn said the house was much too small for us and we had to move, I agreed and we engaged a realtor and began looking. We ended up buying a house in Vienna. I have always believed we were destined to buy that house; the address was 1012 Frederick Street – Carolyn's father's name was Frederick. Carolyn's mother had died in 1975 while we were in Germany. Her first name was Faye. The realtor's name was Faye Drennan. A coincidence I know, but in my view a happy one. We registered Alex at the Cunningham Park Elementary School and also de-registered him at the school in DC.

Beginning in 2002 I was in contact with a HS classmate, Jaqueline Tippet Parker. She and her husband, Bill, lived in a beautiful house overlooking the Columbia River in E. Wenatchee, WA. Anne and I became close to them and stayed with them three times while the four of us toured Washington state, went to Canada and to Lake Coeur'd Alene, Idaho. In one of our bathrooms in our house in Vienna there is a ceramic plaque showing two hippos in a bathtub with towels with hearts. We found the same plaque in the guest bathroom in E, Wenatchee. What a coincidence that was. Jackie died of cancer five years ago; I was in contract with her until close to the end. Bill remarried, stayed in the house but died also. I began contact by phone and email with her daughter, Maureen Jones to find out how she is doing. She and her husband, Rob now own the house and are fixing it up. Earlier this year Maureen told me that she and Rob wanted to travel to Jackie and my hometown of Brattleboro, VT to visit some grave sites, her grandmother's house, Jackie's neck the woods in general, covered bridges and the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln in SW Vermont. They also stayed at the B&B I recommended. They had a good trip. I talked to Maureen Tuesday and found out an amazing coincidence. I had just learned that I have an autoimmune disease called antisynthetase syndrome. This is a rare auto immune disease where the body mistakenly attacks the body, primarily affecting muscles lungs, skin and joints. This disease also come with myositis that attacks the muscles. I have begun taking 40mg of Prednisone a day which in itself can cause problems. Maureen told me she also has an autoimmune disease and is taking 60 mg of prednisone a day. She said it a helpful drug. I hope so.

In 1970 Carolyn and I bought our house on Sherier place in DC. In the basement we found an old poster attached to a board. It showed a rustic scene with a view of the Washington Monument.. It was an ad for farm machinery. In the lower left

## Parish Life Photos

*Below: The “Kris Kringle Markt” Christmas Bazaar spearheaded by Nancy MacLachlan and the WOSB.*



### Parish Workday

The Junior Warden and members of the Building and Grounds Committee plan a workday on Sunday December 7 after the 10:15 a.m. service. We plan to rake leaves, so please bring rakes and gloves.

### Welcoming Linda Bennett as our new Music Minister



Linda Hayes Bennett is an experienced church musician and classical vocalist who has served mostly Episcopal congregations for more than eighteen years. A native of Newport News, Virginia, she studied voice and piano at the Oberlin Conservatory and continued her musical training at the University of Toronto. Linda enjoyed a distinguished career as a professional singer before moving into choral leadership, liturgical music, and worship arts. She brings a deep love for the Anglican musical tradition, a commitment to excellence, and a warm, pastoral approach to congregational singing. Outside of music, Linda enjoys pickleball, gardening, and creative crafts. She is delighted to join the Saint Barnabas' community and looks forward to worship-

### We Give Thanks for the Birth of Evelyn Rosemary MacLachlan Agnew



September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Parents - Colin Agnew & Liz Stevens



## FACETS Clients Increase

St. Barnabas' and FACETS have seen a significant rise in the number of individuals and families turning to us during our monthly **food distribution**. This increase in need is deeply felt across our entire volunteer team — our cooks, baggers, shoppers, and drivers — who continue to rise to the challenge with generosity and dedication.



However, the growing demand, coupled with the rising cost of food, has placed real strain on our resources. While we are doing all we can, we are beginning to feel the pressure of meeting every request with the fullness of care and dignity our mission calls for.

When we joined the **Hot Meals Program** many years ago, we made a promise: to provide every person who came to us not only with a **warm, nourishing meal**, but also with extras — a piece of bread, a serving of applesauce, and a small treat — a simple gesture of kindness that reminds each recipient that they are seen, valued, and not alone.

Thanks to the incredible support from the **St. Barnabas' community**, we have been able to honor that commitment year after year. We have worked hard never to turn anyone away, and it is our deepest hope to continue fulfilling that promise — even as the need around us grows.

To all those who have supported this ministry — whether through time, food, funding, or prayer — please know how profoundly grateful we are. Your generosity is felt in every meal served and in every smile received. **We feel your**

## Helping the Elderly in Cuba

Our sister church in Cuba, San Juan Bautista (Saint John the Baptist), has begun a ministry to the elderly in their community. While the Cuban government does the best it can for the island's children, there is nothing for the elderly. Saint John the Baptist held a lunch for 52 people on Grandparents' Day in July. A psychologist spoke about the importance of grandparents in families and in the church. In August they will hold another lunch and talk about self-esteem. The people of St. Barnabas' supply groceries to support this effort. When the mission team from St. Barnabas' visits Cuba in December they will take materials that the congregational leadership has requested and discuss how we can better support them.

Saint John the Baptist has long had a Meals on Wheels type ministry to the disabled elderly in their community. St. Barnabas' provides most of the groceries for this effort. The need is increasing, as Saint John the Baptist is expanding

## ASYP Christmas Wishes—Angel Tree

By Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Barnabasians are invited to purchase wish list gifts for children in the Annandale Safe Youth Project. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex beginning this Sunday November 30, with more information to follow. Our goal is to provide a warm jacket, hat, scarf, and gloves, and potentially a small gift for each child. Please ensure the name of your child is visible on the outside of the wrapping paper when you drop off your gift. For questions about signing up to bring a wrapped coat, hat, and mittens/gloves by De-



## Winter Birthdays

Behn Ayala  
 Pete Badger  
 Maria Bottlick  
 Wayne Bottlick  
 Taylor Cannon  
 Beth Crutchley  
 Jacob Dugger  
 Darcy Elliott  
 Librada Estrada  
 Bob Gribbin  
 Ciaran Jackson  
 Ronan Jackson  
 Blue Kennedy  
 Joey Kennedy  
 Leigh Kennedy  
 Cindy McLaughlin  
 Jordan Riddle  
 Grace Robbins  
 Amos Shellito  
 Karen Steidel  
 Lisa Verstandig  
 Leah Westerlund

## Join Us for our Annual Ski Trip in Canaan Valley, WV

For over 40 years, ski enthusiasts from St. Barnabas' and friends have travelled to the Canaan Valley Resort State Park near Davis, West Virginia on Presidents' Day Weekend. The 2026 St. Barnabas' Ski Trip will be February 13-16. We hope you can join us for winter fun and fellowship. The weekend is a family-friendly event, and Canaan Valley Resort is a great place for children to learn to ski. Non-skiers enjoy the trip also. In addition to skiing and snowboarding, the resort offers a tubing park and skating rink and there is a swimming pool at the hotel. Nearby Davis offers shops, restaurants and a sled run at the Blackwater Falls State Park. Friends are welcome to join us.

St. Barnabas' has reserved a block of rooms for three nights (Friday-Saturday-Sunday). We expect to arrange prepaid breakfasts in the dining room at the hotel. We also expect to have Saturday and Sunday dinners in the dining room. Our room block includes a parlor room where we gather to socialize and for our Saturday Compliment



service. Canaan Valley Resort offers us prepaid group lift tickets and equipment rentals at a significant discount. Please contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz or the parish office for more in-

## St. Barnabas' Endowment Fund Requests

Are you seeking a grant from the St. Barnabas' Endowment Fund? The Endowment exists to strengthen and extend the mission and ministry of our parish, supporting projects that go beyond the regular operating budget. Grants may help facilitate initiatives in outreach, education, worship, building improvements, or other creative ministries that serve our parish community and beyond. Parishioners, ministry groups, and committees are all welcome to submit requests for consideration. Please use this form to share your proposal for review: <https://forms.gle/hki63PUYCTbJHMFk6>

## Pastoral Care

For urgent pastoral or prayer concerns, whether for yourself or others, in addition to Caritas, the Prayer List, and the Prayer Chain, please feel free to contact the Rev. John

## Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB) News

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RECAP

The annual Women of St. Barnabas' Christmas Bazaar on November 15 was a success, thanks to efforts of many. The women thank everyone who publicized, shopped, ate lunch, volunteered and/or contributed crafts, food and gently used jewelry and serving/ decorative items for the bazaar.

The funds raised will help WOSB support special activities at St. Barnabas' and charitable organizations such as ACCA, Episcopal Relief and Development, and Grace Inside Prison Ministry.

This year's theme was *Kris Kringle Markt*. Members thank Nancy MacLachlan and Hugh and Fiona Agnew for building the imaginative holiday market stall decorations. We will be able to use the stalls as decorations in future years.

### WOSB BRUNCH

The Women of St. Barnabas' brunch will be on January 17, 2026, 10 a.m. in the Richardson Room. All are welcome to join us for the fellowship and good food. Please bring a dish to share. We will discuss plans for charities we will support with funds raised in 2026.

### BARNABEES CRAFT GROUP

The Barnabees craft group will not meet in December. Our next business meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 10 a.m. in the Richardson Room.

### HOLIDAY CAROLING & COOKIE DECORATING

Holiday caroling visits to parish members who are ill or shut-in are tentatively planned for the afternoon of **Sunday, December 14**. Please save the date and consider joining in this cherished tradition of music and fellowship.

Last year, we also made **virtual visits** to parishioners who were unable to receive in-person visitors or who live some distance away, and we hope to continue this meaningful outreach again this year.

In addition, an afternoon of Cookie and Card Decorating is being planned for **Saturday, December 13**. These treats will then be delivered during caroling.

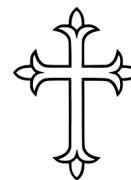
The **Greening of the Church** will be held after the 10:15am service on **Sunday**,

## Breakfast with Santa—December 6th

Join us on Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM for a festive morning of fun! Enjoy a warm pancake breakfast and stop by for photos with Santa and his cheerful elves. Bring family, friends, and little ones for a joyful start to the season!



## In Memoriam



### Ann Wentworth Sayles

September 27th,  
Springfield, VA

*Rest eternal grant to your  
servants, O Lord; and let  
light perpetual shine  
upon them.  
May their souls, and  
the souls of all the  
departed, through the  
mercy of God,  
rest in peace.  
Amen.*

BCP p. 503

## *Advent and the Advent Wreath*



### WHAT IS THE ADVENT WREATH?

The Advent wreath is one of the most familiar and beloved symbols of the Advent season. At its simplest, it's a circular arrangement of evergreens that holds four candles around the outside and, in many traditions, a fifth candle in the center. Although the wreath may vary in size and style from church to church, its purpose is the same everywhere: to help us mark the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

Each week, one more candle is lit, gradually brightening the wreath and reminding us that the light of Christ grows nearer as we journey through the season. Many people enjoy having an Advent wreath at home as well, using it during family devotions, mealtime prayers, or simply as a quiet weekly ritual. The wreath is both a visual and spiritual countdown, one that encourages us to slow down, take a breath, and reflect on God's presence even amid the busy lead-up to Christmas

### ORIGINS: FROM A 19TH-CENTURY MISSION TO A BELOVED TRADITION

While the Advent wreath feels like an ancient Christian practice, its current form is surprisingly young. Its origins date back to 1839, when Johann Hinrich Wichern, a Lutheran pastor in Hamburg, Germany, worked with impoverished children at his mission school. The children, eager for Christmas, repeatedly asked Pastor Wichern how many days remained. To help them visualize the wait, he crafted a large wooden wheel fitted with small candles for the weekdays and larger ones for Sundays. Each day of Advent, he lit a candle, giving the children a warm and hopeful way to mark time during the dark winter.

This "wreath of lights" eventually evolved into the simpler four-candle version we know today. As the tradition spread through German churches and homes, it took on additional meaning and became woven into Christian liturgical life. By the 20th century, it had crossed denominational lines and geographic borders, adopted by Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Protestants of many stripes, and families around the world. Its appeal lies in both its beauty and its simplicity; a tangible symbol of Advent waiting that connects generations of Christians to a shared spiritual rhythm.

### WHAT THE WREATH MEANS; SYMBOLS RICH IN HOPE, LIFE, AND LIGHT

- The **evergreen wreath**, shaped in a perfect circle, symbolizes God's unending love and the promise of eternal life, a gift brought to us through Jesus.
- The **candles** reflect increasing light as we move closer to Christmas, a visual reminder of the coming of Christ, "the Light of the World."
- The four outer candles are commonly understood to represent the virtues we focus on during Advent: **Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love**. In many traditions the third candle (Joy) is rose or pink, marking a special mid-Advent moment of rejoicing called *Gaudete Sunday*.
- The central "Christ candle," when present, celebrates the birth of Christ and the arrival of Christmas: a powerful symbol of fulfillment after our period of waiting and preparation.

### WHY IT STILL MATTERS FOR US

In our busy modern world, the Advent wreath invites us into a rhythm that is both restful and deeply meaningful. Lighting a candle each week creates a natural pause: a moment to set aside the noise of the season and remember what we are truly waiting for. Whether done during Sunday liturgy, gathered around a parish hall table, or at home with family, the ritual fosters a sense of connection and grounding.

The wreath also reminds us that spiritual preparation isn't a single event but a gradual journey. Week by week, the growing light encourages us to reflect on our own hopes, our longing for peace, the joy that sustains us, and the love we are called to embody. For many, these weekly gatherings around the candles become cherished traditions that help define the season.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
30 First Sunday of Advent	1	2	3	4	5	6 Breakfast with Santa
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Cookie & Card Decorating
14 Bishop's Visit No 8am service	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Greening of the Church	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 No Children's Programming No 8am service	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9	10
11 Epiphany Pageant	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 No Sunday School	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21	22	23 TGIF	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Parish Ski Trip	14 Parish Ski Trip Valentine's Day
15 Parish Ski Trip	16 Parish Ski Trip President's Day	17 Pancake Supper Farewell to Alleluias	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 TGIF	28

## *Thanks and More Thanks*

- For the amazing Nancy MacLachlan and her generosity in serving as our excellent Interim Music Minister
- For the Shrine Mont Band and their faithfulness in leading the music during our Shrine Mont retreat
- For Cindy McLaughlin and her faithfulness as our Scheduler for Lectors and Chalicists
- For the WOSB, putting together an amazing Holiday Bazaar
- For Fiona Agnew and her fantastic leadership and faithful care as our Parish Administrator
- For Linda Bennett and her courage in responding to the call to lead our Adult Choir
- For Beth Harper and Sharon Jones and their care with our Music Minister Search Committee.
- For Grace Jones Robbins, Beth Harper, and Kathleen Stark, and their faithful care with our Arts Ministry
- For our Vestry, including our incoming and outgoing members
- For our Building and Grounds Committee
- For our Finance Committee, and PJ's leadership as our Treasurer.
- For Joshua Duncan and his ministries as our Seminarian

## **The St. Barnabas' Reporter for Lent and Eastertide**

The deadline for submissions to the Spring 2026 issue for *Lent and Eastertide* is **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. We welcome a variety of content, including announcements, ministry updates, personal reflections, and event photos that reflect our parish life during this sacred season. Please consider how your contributions can enhance our understanding of our collective story in this season. To contribute, please email your announcements, photos, or other items to the Parish Office at [stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com). Alternatively, hard copies of your submissions can also be

## **In the Presence of God**

*We pray for God's strength and healing for* ... Bernard Blair, Charles Camp, Cricket Camp, Margot Donnelly, Charlie Flaherty, Rotha Frye, Joan Gibbs, Beth Harper, James Harris, Barry Hayhurst, Roger Hefferan, James Hughes, Gertrude Jones, Sharon Jones, Joy Lyles, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Maria Macfarlane, Blair MacKenzie, Cindy McLaughlin, Theresa Merchant, Jack Miller, Helen Mosher, Val Nelson, Linda Pettit-Waldner, Alice Phillips, Anne Radway, Grace Rampersaud, Norma Ricketts, Ellen Riddle, Barbara Rigden, Mary Riggs, Grace Robbins, Trisha Serven, Kathleen Stark, Larry Stark, Karen Steidel, Samuel Tonge, Dana Wiseman, Dave Wright, Mary Yeaman, James Strange.

*For the Church* ... the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, the Rev. Sean Walter Rowe; and our Diocesan Bishops, the Rt. Rev. Mark E. Stevenson, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Assistant Bishop; the Rt. Rev. James Joseph "Bud" Shand; and their families. For our Rector, the Rev. John Bolin Shellito, and his family; for Cindy McLaughlin (in discernment), for our Seminarian Joshua Duncan; for our Vestry, Wardens, and staff; and for the work and

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**Change Service Requested**

**9am-noon, Breakfast with Santa – December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**10:15am Bishop Bourlakas Visit – December 14<sup>th</sup>, Confirmations and Baptisms**

*Festive Reception and Caroling to follow*

**Greening of the Church – December 21<sup>st</sup>, after 10:15am Holy Eucharist**

**Christmas Eve**

3:00pm Intergenerational Holy Eucharist

4:30pm Choral Interlude/Prelude

5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Adult Choir

**10:15am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist**

**10:15am Lessons and Carols – December 28<sup>th</sup>**

*(no 8am service on Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup> or January 11<sup>th</sup>)*