



Resurrection Review

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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, December 21

**No Advent Potluck
Reflections**

Thursday, December 22

4:30 pm Intro to Yoga Align

5:30 pm Yoga Align 2

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

7:00pm Family Service

8:00 pm Reception

8:30 pm Caroling

10:00pm Family Service

11:00 pm Reception

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:00am Christmas Service

Monday, December 26

11:00 am Fiber Arts

Office hours: Mon 12-3pm, Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-12pm, Thur 10-1pm

Fearless God who came in a dream to Joseph,
dream through us anew today.
Speak into our places of fear.
Transcend and transform all
that keeps us from living your dream. **

Dearest Christmas Friends,

This year bodes to be one of the most important for ourselves, our parish, our state, our country, our world. It does make you wonder, doesn't it, *what is God up to?* Why these insistent messages about "Fear Not" and "Peace on Earth, Goodwill towards all"? God is, as usual, up to nothing less than comfort and joy.

For a sneak preview and deepest of all hints of what God is accomplishing even as we speak, do plan to join us this coming Christmas Eve, Sat. evening either at the **Family Service** at 7 pm or the **Evening Service** at 9 pm. Each will be magical in the deepest sense (leading to that which is unbelievable but real). If you have young ones we have some extra costumes so they can join in our pageant. Please bring them by 6:30 for suiting up and a few directions. All children are also welcomed and encouraged to join us at the altar for leading the Communion Prayers (especially the Our Father). Also, they will be invited to join Rev. Adam and me at the end of the service when we sing "Silent Night" together in front of the manger.

Have any Christmas morning plans? Include a special quite lovely service at 10 am. After each of the services we hope you can stay and meet AT LEAST one or more parishioners you have not yet had the pleasure to meet by name as we share in some festive food and drink. Feel free to bring some of your own to share if you care to!

Joining our mission together with the God who loves us all, we have big things to accomplish together this year. If for some reason you cannot join us in person, please do so in your prayers. Our communion is a big one. That goes especially for you, Barbara Latta!

Christmas Blessings,
Rev. Linda and Adam

(Eucharistic Prayers, Samuel Wells, and Abigail Kocher, (Eerdmans)).

*Christmas
Day*

Tree of Sharing

Thank you to all the families who participated in our tree of sharing this year. Through your generosity we were able to help relieve the stress of the holidays for three local families (a total of 11 people).

Every year the counselor at the school tells us about the tears the mothers' have in their eyes when they how many gifts are waiting for them and their children at the school. Thank you once again for another successful year. Catherine Yajko.



Cookie Request

As you are creating those wonderful Christmas cookies, candy and breads, please consider setting aside a plate of goodies for the Christmas Eve celebration following both services Christmas Eve.

The past years have been absolutely wonderful and delicious. Bring your goodies to the church kitchen marked Christmas Eve either on the 18th or on the 24th. Thank you Ann

Worship Server

Pat Munts is currently working on server schedules for the months of Jan, Feb, and Mar. Please make sure to send her your availability so she can make any necessary adjustments.



Save the Date

The Resurrection Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15th, following the 10am services. Please join us as we discuss our numerous accomplishments during the 2016 year, say goodbye to Vestry members who are completing their term, and vote in new members and discuss our vision for a full 2017 year.



Christmas Worship

Dec 24th

7:00 pm Family Service

8:30 pm Caroling

9:00 pm Night Worship

Dec 25th

10:00 am Christmas Worship



Community Garden

The Community Garden group continues to amaze us every year with their bountiful harvests. This year the garden managed to take 1,226 lbs of fresh vegetables to the Food Bank. In addition, from Jan -Dec of 2016, our congregation managed to collect 1,069 lbs in canned donations, pet food and paper products for the food bank. That brings our running total from 2012-2016 to over 6.98 tons of food, donated to the food bank. Nice job Resurrection!

The church office will be closed December 26-January 2. The office will reopen on January 3rd.



The House of Charity had a Norovirus outbreak that resulted in the need to rent a large tent, porta potties, washing stations, and cots to separate the ill from the well clients. Most of the staff also became ill and additional staff from other agencies had to be called into service along with many community volunteers. The staff and volunteers did a marvelous job of caring for the ill, as well as controlling the outbreak. Each person was treated with concern, respect, and dignity. However this effort has cost a great deal - approximately \$30,000.00. The House of Charity is endeavoring to provide a warm sleeping place for both men and women during these cold months. They were already struggling financially before the outbreak. Consequently the Vestry has decided to give the Christmas collection to the House of Charity. Two plates will be offered at the Christmas services. If you wish your donation to go to the support of the church you will place it one basket, if you wish your donation to go to the House of Charity then you will place it a another basket. As always thank you for your generosity.

“Advent Light”



All over the U.S. those who found themselves on opposite sides of the political divide are now wondering how we can sit across the table and "talk turkey." Use Advent as an opportunity to de-escalate and renew our bonds as we practice listening with compassion. Come join a guided time of prayer and discussion as we invite the light of Christ into all of our perspectives. If you have articles you would like to share with the group please bring them. The Women's Radical Healing Group will continue meeting in mid Jan. No meeting this coming Wed. the 21st. Happy Advent!

Assisting with Worship December 25	
SubDeacon:	10am:
LEM:	10am:
Lectors:	10am: Barb Wunderlich
Acolytes:	
Altar Guild:	Cheryl Albaugh Pam Wagenhals Val Schultes
Ushers:	Dave Newton TBD
Counters:	Valan Franklin Nils Wagenhals

Cleaners Schedule	
Dec 16—Dec 31	
A	Catherine Yajko Kelly Heck
B	Jeremy Armstrong Dave Newton
Jan 1 -15	
A	Dave Newton Gayle Gagnon
B	Nils Wagenhals Pam Wagenhals



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Lessons for December 25

FIRST LESSON: (Isaiah 9:2-7) A hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king in Jerusalem.

PSALM: (Psalm 96) A song of praise to the Lord in which the whole heavens and earth are invited to join.

SECOND LESSON: (Titus 2:11-14) The two comings of Christ first in his sacrificial ministry for all people and then in glory.

GOSPEL: (Luke 2:1-20) The story of the birth of Jesus.



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