



Resurrection Review

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, November 30

- 4:30 pm Yogalign Lvl 1
- 5:45 pm Yogalign Lvl 2
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Mtg
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, December 1

- 9:00 am Prayers & Squares

Sunday, December 3

Sunday Market

- 8:00 am Worship
- 9:00 am Advent Wreath Make & Take
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Advent Wreath Make & Take

Wednesday, December 6

- 1:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, December 7

- 4:30 pm Yogalign Lvl 1
- 5:45 pm Yogalign Lvl 2
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Mtg
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

*First Sunday of
Advent*

Office hours: Mon 11-2pm, Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-12pm, Thur 10-1pm

Dear Friends,

I've been pondering Advent a lot this week. Welcome my friend and fellow priest, Steve Wooley who writes an excellent blog entitled, COUNTRY PARSON. This week's offering is most apropos: "Hallmark, Christmas Magic, and Advent", posted Nov. 28, 2017.

"Now and then I've taken a shot at Hallmark Channel holiday offerings. Smothered in saccharine and populated with beautiful people, the plots feature vaguely familiar life problems solved in less than two hours through holiday magic as two people fall in love discovering the true meaning of Christmas and live happily ever after. Scenes are filled with singing children, festive village squares or city streets, and the occasional magical angel or secret Santa.

It doesn't keep me from watching at least a part of one or two each year. Adult feel good fairy tales are like Christmas candy. A little tastes OK.

Advent approaches Christmas in a different way. It's honest about the darkness and danger that sometimes infects our lives in truly threatening ways. There is nothing sweet about it. The world of Advent is populated by real people doing the best they can in real lives. The worst that can happen is not only near, it sometimes comes crashing down. It is in the midst of gritty reality that God's faithful promise is made visible as the true source of hope, restoration and renewal. There's no magic. It's real. It delivers.

A friend wondered if Hallmark shows are responsible for some of the stress, sadness, and disappointment many feel during their holiday seasons of Blue Christmases. Subsumed under masterfully produced illusions of what Christmas is supposed to deliver, they are enticed to yearn for what they are told others already have. But they aren't the beautiful people. Their village squares and city streets don't live up to the Disneyesque scenes shown on TV. There is no magic angel or secret Santa. Romance is a distant improbability. Added to the mess is the pressure to buy, buy, buy what they cannot afford, but are told they must want, must have. Not a single problem is solved by more debt. Is there a better answer; a more reliable hope? There is. It's Advent.

Advent calls for a time of quiet, of waiting, of living into God's gift of new life made present to us through a young woman seeking a place to give birth: a stranger in a strange town. It's a strange gift. The baby Jesus needed ordinary

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people to love and care for him so that he might grow into the one who will love and care for us through death into life eternal. God dared to become vulnerable, trusting the baby Jesus to human care. Each year we are reminded that he needs us still to love and care for those who today are most vulnerable, most in need. Sometimes the most vulnerable, most in need, is you or me. Advent calls us to be kind to ourselves, to care for the Christ that is in us. In caring for ourselves we become prepared to care for the Christ that is in others, and that is how Christmas comes again in all its glory.

Have some Hallmark Christmas candy if you want, but not too much. There's no nutrition in it. It's all saccharine. Let Advent feed you with the true food of God's love. It is the gift of life that the darkness cannot defeat."

See you this Sunday as we begin our Advent journey together.

The Rev

Blessing Corner



Would you like to share what you feel blessed for? Send an email to the office so we can add your blessing to our newsletter. Already submitted one? Feel free to submit another.



Thirteen Months in 2017?

Our exciting goals for next year depend on a balanced budget. Many thanks if you have a bit more to offer as this year ends! Your Rector



Why do you feel blessed?

Blessed to meet long lost family members and new family members.

~Carol Allen



Order Your Poinsettias Today



We have now begun taking orders for holiday poinsettia. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Parish Hall. Poinsettias will be \$12 each. Please make sure to put your name and a dedication as you would like it printed on the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day inserts. If you put your check in the offering plate, please make sure to add "Poinsettia" in the memo field. If you are paying with cash, please make sure to write "Poinsettia" the envelope. **Payment must be received before Poinsettias are ordered on December 18th.**



Tree of Sharing

On December 3rd you may notice that Santa's elves have been busy setting up our Tree of Sharing. If you haven't had the joy of participating in this event, here's a little info. Each year we partner with a local school to help bring a little more joy and less stress to families in need. If you want to participate, simply take a tag from the tree and **bring the item back, wrapped and with the tag attached by December 17th.**

Advent Wreath Make & Take

On December 3, following the 8am & 10am service, we will have an Advent wreath making event. All materials will be provided, but you must sign up to make sure we have enough supplies. A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall. **One wreath per household please.**



Sunday Market - December 3rd

December 3rd will be the last chance to purchase items at the Sunday Market. We still have jams, pickles, relish, quilts, sweet hot mustard, decorative items, holiday decor and White Elephant treasures. Bring your gift list and finish up your Christmas shopping before it is all gone!

Need a Helping Hand?

If you have a need for a meal to be brought to you, if you are ill or in crisis, please contact the Daughters of the King. Arlene Lee at 443-5273.



Yogalign Classes

Intro to Yogalign is designed for those new to the Yogalign method of exercise. Yogalign uses safe and painless body positions and breathing techniques to achieve optimal alignment and increase strength, flexibility, and joy.

Yogalign Level 2 is designed for those familiar with the Yogalign principles of optimal alignment and breathing, using Yogalign techniques. Modifications are always offered to fit any fitness level. This event is free, but donations are welcomed. Please contact Lynn 939-5740 if you have any questions!

Assisting with Worship December 3

SubDeacon:

8am:
10am: Linda Bordwell

LEM:

8am: Pat Munts
10am: Jeremy Armstrong

Lectors:

8am: Cleo Clizer
10am: Don Stolicker

Acolytes: Leonore Hartwig
Lila Hartwig

Altar Guild: Cheryl Albaugh
Sharon Morrison

Ushers: Ralph Schmidt
Jerry Combs

Counters: Ralph Schmidt
John Young

Assisting with Worship December 10

SubDeacon:

8am:
10am: Linda Bordwell

LEM:

8am: Scott Oakshott
10am: Jimmie Coy

Lectors:

8am: Janice Sanford
10am: Nils Wagenhals

Acolytes: Collin Armstrong
Darrin Mitchell

Altar Guild: Linda Bordwell
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Ushers: Craig Crago
Barb Crago

Counters: Arlene Lee
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Lessons for December 3

FIRST LESSON: (Isaiah 64:1-9) A contrite plea to God for merciful justice.

PSALM: (Psalm 80:16-18) A lament and a plea to the Lord, the shepherd of Israel, that he will turn away his anger and restore his people.

SECOND LESSON: (1 Corinthians 1:3-9) Paul greets the new disciples in Corinth, telling them of this gratitude to God on their behalf, and offering comfort and assurance.

GOSPEL: (Mark 13:24-37) Jesus repeatedly urges his disciples to watch, to be ever ready for the time which will suddenly come.



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