

## **Announcements: Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2014**

**Welcome** to your church; There are a few things left from the Fair available in the Great Hall; **Communion** uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the wafer only if you prefer or "intinct" the wafer into the wine. Non-gluten wafers... check with clergy at the rail; 8 a.m. Coffee Hour: Rich, Judy & Doris; Choir at 9:00 a.m.; Coffee Hour at 10:15 is Fair Overflow (all help clean up?); **Coffee Hour is a great way to meet fellow parishioners.**

**Choir** is still open to Christmas Singers who can join us for rehearsals on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. (earlier time, later in the month). We will be singing at the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

**Church School** –We're doing Advent Stories and working on the Pageant. Our Pageant is in the Tang Center at 10:15 on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks, **Amy and Nicole** [cchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com](mailto:cchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com)

**Library**-- We're pondering some new approaches including a DVD Swap section to augment our Book Swap. We will continue to emphasize the Young Adult Fiction & Adult Religion/Education areas. Got ideas? [sraarch7569@gmail.com](mailto:sraarch7569@gmail.com) Kristen Archambault

**Outside Events connected to our CC community: Hospice Tree of Life** here at Christ Church this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Dave will be helping with the ceremony hosted by Hospice of NECT. A reception in the Great Hall will follow hosted by Rectory School! Also this weekend: **Concert Choir of NE CT** has their Christmas Concerts.

**Prayer Shawl Blessings** scheduled for Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. As her schedule has become more challenging Nancy Reif is stepping down as the leader of this in-reach effort. If you are interested in being the "spokes-person" and organizer of this work please see her or the Rector. Not difficult duty!

**St. Nicholas Fair**... Thanks so much for all your support; *Note: we now take Credit Cards.*

**Teen Program:** Rite-13 (grades 7-8), J2A (9-10) and YAC (11 grade+); Thanks for your support on our food drive. Coordinator: Dee Dee Markes: [deedeespa@charter.net](mailto:deedeespa@charter.net); 860-963-1245

**Visions and Ventures/Stewardship** -- Steve Adams' and Hank Hague's messages are Reminder links. Our mailings should be in your box! Look for downloadable letters and a pledge card. We have in place a robust program for Online Giving/Donating and Pledging through Easytithes (see "Buttons" at the website and in the Reminder). "Generic" donation envelopes in back. **Stewardship Sunday** is next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> when we will present all our pledge cards as part of the offering. Thank you for your support.

**Visions Inspiration:** You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. (Matthew 5:13-15)

**Worship Notes:** All three services scheduled for today. The Thursday morning 7:30 healing service continues. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> all three services.

### **House-keeping Items:**

**Courier Deadline for January Courier is December 15<sup>th</sup>**; *We will mail out first class to those who request it.* Our **Thursday Reminder** is a key email update (which includes the Courier). **Do we have your email or snail-mail address?** Update or renew, see the form on the music stand **or email** (address below).

**Directories**... there are *usually* directories of the parish in the basket to the left just inside the office!

**CSO – Community Kitchen in January TBA.** See Pauline Phillips, Supervisor.

**We collect durable foods here weekly for ACCESS (Church School offering).**

**Master Flower Schedule** is posted outside the office. You can sign up right there! Office: 860-928-7026.

**Inreach** – *There are a few new casseroles* in our chest freezer for any in need.

**Parish Life – Coffee Hour Teams** –See the Bulletin Board outside the Library.

**Pastoral Call Emergencies** should be directed to office (860-928-7026) or Fr. Dave's cell phone: 860-608-7632. Or if you need to call in prayer concerns to the **Prayer Chain** call the office: 860-928-7026

**Prayer Shawls – Blessed shawls** on the back table of the church (please write in who is receiving the gift in the shawl journal). More on the top shelf in the hallway closet by the offices ([fancynancyreif@aol.com](mailto:fancynancyreif@aol.com)).

## LEVAS 154 – Taste and See

*Taste and see.*

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

*O Taste and see.*

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
His praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for He has been so good to me.

*Refrain*

- 2 Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise His name.  
I called the Lord and He answered me;  
from all my troubles He set me free.

*Refrain*

- 3 Worship the Lord all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that God is good;  
in Him we need put all our trust.

*Refrain*

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### Christmas Memorial/Thanksgiving Poinsettias for the Church: 2014

Use this form to request POINSETTIAS for the decoration of the church. Please use the wording that you would like us to use on the Christmas flower list. Please also print carefully and be specific as to a memorial or a thanksgiving. You may take the poinsettias home with you after the Christmas services.

In memory of/in thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

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Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$10.00