

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6:

Nursery Care provided starting at 8:30 am - noon for children under age 5.

Church School at 8:30 am.

Anglican Spirituality in Literature group meets at 10 am with Spencer Reece. This is the last class until after the holidays.

Christmas Pageant rehearsal at 10:30 am in St. Nicholas' Chapel.

Coffee is available from 8:30 – 10:45 am in the Parish Hall provided by our Hospitality Committee. Come enjoy some refreshment and fellowship!

Adult Forum meets in the Parish Hall following the 10:45 am service.

Confirmation Class meets at 4:00 pm in St. Stephen's room.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7:

Property Committee meets at 7:00 pm in St. Stephen's room.

Stewardship Committee meets at 7:00 pm in St. Paul's room.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8:

Landscape Committee meets in St. Stephen's room 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

The Living Supplies Closet is open from 2 – 4 pm.

Pastoral Care Commission meets at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9:

Holy Eucharist at 7 & 10 am in St. Nicholas Chapel.

A Taizé Service will be held on the first three Wednesdays of Advent.

This is a relatively brief service and requires absolutely no prior experience. All that is needed is your desire to find quiet space within the ultra busy pre-Christmas season. Please join us in the St. Nicholas Chapel at 7 PM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10:

The Living Supplies Closet is open from 10 am – noon.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12:

The Heart of Worship at 5 pm: Join us on the second Saturday of each month @ 5 pm in the St. Nicholas Chapel for an Ancient-Future Eucharist. Return to the symbolism and simplicity of the early church. Come and drink from the well. Fr. Chris

★★★ Star Tree ★★★

If anyone is still interested in helping with the Star/Giving Tree gifts, please contact Rebecca Cherenzia at the Parish Office 401-596-0197.

Names are still coming in so your help is still needed. Thank you.

**Come One, Come All - Old and Young
to the Second Annual Christmas Caroling Party!
Sunday, December 13, 2009 from 4:00 - 5:30**

Please join in song with Mr. Kent accompanying us on the piano. We will be enjoying light bites with wassail and wine while singing our favorite Christmas Carols. Also, please help us help others by bringing a donation to the Living Supplies Closet.

Don't Forget...

CHRIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & LUNCHEON

9 AM - 2 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Good Shopping, Good Food, Good Company

See you there!

~ In Honor of Donald Friend ~

Donald Friend has been a member of the Christ Church family for more than 90 years. During that time he served as treasurer of the parish for more than a quarter century and sang in the Choir for more than 60 years, where he also chaired the Choir's Annual May Breakfast Committee for decades. For over 30 years Mr. Friend ran the swim program in New Hampshire at the Choir's annual week long Choir Camp where he was responsible for teaching hundreds of young choristers to swim and where he introduced the phrase, "Buddy Up!", by which he is so fondly remembered by all who attended.

In honor of Mr. Friend's many years of giving, a granite planter has been built in front of the slype with funds raised by the Choir and labor donated by Eric Dunham and Mr. Friend's grandson, Britton Friend. Thank you, Mr. Friend, for everything you have given to this Christ Church family!

Please join us after the service around the planter for the dedication and blessing.

Christ Church Choir

In honor of St. Cecilia's Day, the patron saint of music, Mr. Kent recognizes the children in the choir for their special contribution to the Church by presenting each child with a medallion. Five of our young choristers will receive new medallions this year. The medallions are strung with different color ribbons representing the number of years each child has

been singing in the choir and their dedication to this time honored musical tradition at Christ Church. The medallions come from the Royal College of Music in England, of which Christ Church Choir has been a member for over 50 years.

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Ribbons:

White, 1st year - *Kaylee York*

Green, 2-4 years - *Grace Gagnon, Peter Kelmelis, John Santini, Julia Santini, Lisa Spalding, Isabella Spano, Margaret*

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Purple, 5-9 years - Benjamin Dunham, *Grace Dunham*, Franklin Patton

Seven of our young singers will also receive their cottas (white top), which means they have passed their probationary exam. They must know Latin pronunciation, the parts of the Church and the Ordinary and Proper of the Mass.

Cottas: Grace Gagnon, Peter Kelmelis, John Santini, Julia Santini, Lisa Spalding, Isabella Spano, Margaret Spano

These children have dedicated their time, along with the adults in the choir, to learn and sing some of the most beautiful music in the world. They rehearse twice per week as well as every Sunday for an hour before the service. The children also sing additional special services throughout the year, including Evensongs, two Lessons and Carols services and the services during Holy week. **Congratulations to all of the children in the choir for a job well done!**

If you are between the ages of 8 and 18 and want to learn to sing some of the world's most beautiful sacred music, then we invite and encourage you to join this time honored tradition of the Christ Church Choir.

The adults in the Choir have achieved a cumulative total number of years of service to Christ Church and the Choir of over 800 years!