

DECEMBER EVENTS FOR 2017

December as always is a very busy month. Here is a list of what's happening at St. Aidan's during this season of Advent.

DEC 3 Advent Workshop 9:30 during the Formation time. In the spirit of giving during Advent, we're going to make a different kind of Advent project. Each family (or child if they'd like to make an individual one) will decorate a grocery bag. Each day of Advent, the family will add an item of food (canned vegetables, box of spaghetti, jar of peanut butter, etc.) to the bag. All decorating supplies will be provided. You don't need to bring anything to the workshop except your family and a generous giving spirit for Advent. Bring the filled bag to church on Sunday, January 7. The food will go to our food pantry that serves our community on a weekly basis. We hope to see a lot of our St. Aidan families on Dec. 3 at 9:30 a.m. Questions? Ask Kathy Benson

SUNDAYS IN ADVENT - DEC. 3, 10, & 17 There will be a Sunday evening offering during Advent for Adults that will meet at the same time as EYC. We have ordered a fascinating series of short videos on Advent from the Work of the People that cover a variety of topics as we prepare for Christmas. Katie will provide a program for our younger members as well. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall. The class will begin with dinner at 5:30 with the EYC. Watch the enews for details about dinner signups.

Women's Advent Retreat --- December 2, 2017.

Magnificat, the name given to the hymn of Mary in Luke 1:46-55

The retreat at Chanco on the James will feature a series of engaging workshops and inspired worship, built around the theme: Living the Magnificat. There will be time for fellowship and refreshment throughout the retreat, concluding with a delightful Afternoon Tea. You may also want to take advantage of our optional Friday overnight retreat option on December 1st, which includes an additional arts workshop, as well as a hospitality hour, along with a delicious breakfast Saturday morning. (Register soon, the overnight was a sellout last Spring.)

Cost: Friday night and Saturday \$95 Saturday only \$35

Contact Susan Boze, sueboze@gmail.com, for possible car pool arrangements/directions for Friday or Saturday. [Click here to register](#)

BETHLEHEM WALK 12/8, 9, & 10

St. Aidan's, Kings Grant Presbyterian, St. Nicholas and Lynnhaven United Methodist will present the story of Christ's birth. Bethlehem Walk will be held at Kings Grant Presbyterian Church - Friday, Dec. 8 (6-8 p.m.); Saturday, Dec. 9 (3-8 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 10 (1-6 p.m.) . Please help us share this amazing gift with our community. Questions: Pam Butler, redheadpbvb@aol.com.

DECEMBER 9 POPCORN THEOLOGY 6:30 P.M.

We will celebrate by having a potluck dinner. We will be viewing It's A Wonderfu Life with Mimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. In the movie an angel is sent from heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been

like if he never existed. Please call Jeanette Hamilton 7577-407-2001 if you have any questions

STORIES OF CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 15 7:00 P.M. @ Good Samaritan

Join the Tidewater Tellers (including Mark and Wendy) for an entertaining evening of scripture and folk stories about Christmas. There will be stories of all ages and children are encouraged to attend. Good Samaritan is at 848 Baker Road.

A Flower Workshop for YOU and for Outreach! On Saturday, December 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, there will be a Make & Take flower workshop in the Parish Hall. We'll begin with snacks and coffee/tea as Connie Williams demonstrates arranging a small holiday arrangement. Then you can create your arrangement as you chat and laugh with friends! Please sign-up on the chart in the Parish Hall or contact Becky McCallum at 287-0647 or Beckymccallum1@gmail.com. The cost is \$10.00 with proceeds going to the EYC 2018 Mission Trip! Cash or check to St. Aidan's.

FALL LEAF CLEANUP DECEMBER 16 8-12: For those not arranging flowers we need to get our outside grounds cleaned up for the big Christmas weekend. Bring rakes, blowers and tarps.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE WILKINSON'S DECEMBER 16 6-9

The people of St. Aidan's and Good Samaritan are invited to our 3rd Annual Christmas Open House. The address for Mark and Wendy is 3720 S. Queensgrove Circle. Please bring something to share. Mark and Wendy will provide a ham and biscuits as well as non-alcoholic beverages.

DECEMBER 17 ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS @ the 10:30 service

DECEMBER 21 7:00 P.M. BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This is a quiet reflective service for those who aren't really in the holiday mood because of a loss during this year or past years. The loss can be death, divorce, loss of employment any of the many things that may cause us to be less than joyous at a time when others are celebrating.

DECEMBER 24 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

9:30: One service for the 4th Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 PRELUDE MUSIC

5:30 PAGEANT

9:30 PRELUDE MUSIC

10:00 TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT MASS

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ONE SERVICE 9:30 LESSONS AND CAROLS