



**Sunday, September 18  
from 5 until 7 p.m.**

## **Welcome Back Potluck Dinner**

*Join with your fellow parishioners for good food and friendship and listen to what your*

*leadership has been doing behind-the-scenes as the summer months have progressed. If you have not already done so, please sign up on the list near Lynn's office so we know who is coming and can be sure that there will be enough sustenance for all. If you need a ride, please give Lynn a call and she can arrange for a pick-up. Childcare will be available.*

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## **I'm Glad You Asked: How are we doing at caring for each other?**

This important question sheds light on two aspects of Christian community that have informed the life of the Church from the beginning. So, yes, I am not only glad you asked, I am delighted you asked!

The first thing to remember is that soon after the death of Jesus, followers of Jesus began to form small groups in order to think about the life they had shared with Jesus, his teachings and how best to honor the gift they had been given by virtue of their friendship with him. This all happened before there was, technically, a church. The first followers of Jesus were called "People of the Way" because their purpose was to figure out how to live out the Way, or teachings, of Jesus.

The communities gathered in very diverse settings—some were urban, some rural, some Jewish and some Gentile. Because of the different life styles of each community, a diversity of practices grew up, but all were tied together by the belief that in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, God was up to something new in the universe. Another belief that they held in common was that by gathering and forming a learning and worshiping community, the ability of each individual to follow the Way of Jesus was supported and strengthened.

The early Christians took their life together very seriously and saw it as the foundation upon which their own faith was built, and their witness to the world was strengthened. Christian faith has never been understood to be a solitary affair, but always a communal endeavor.

In the life of the Church we live out this understanding in two basic ways. The first is by emphasizing the importance of spending time together. The second is by including those who, because of their individual life circumstances are not able to gather with the group, in the life of the parish in other concrete ways. We practice the second as communion is brought to the homebound, flowers delivered to those we remember due to events in their lives and the weekly *HomeTouch* mailing to our homebound members. Sometimes we join together to provide rides to church for those who are no longer driving.

The first way I mentioned, spending time together, sometimes isn't thought of a way of 'caring for each other,' And yet, to give up some personal time to be with your fellow travelers in faith is a gift you can give to them, and a gift to receive from them. This is a form of caring for each other that your vestry has decided to focus on in the coming year. A primary goal is to find times to be together simply enjoying each other's company. So far, there are 3 fall events planned, and 2 more on the list for the spring. Faith isn't meant to be done alone: the Church has known that from the beginning. If we are to be a vibrant parish, spending time together beyond Sunday worship is critical to that goal.

-Lynn+

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**Hazel O. Shumaker**  
**June 22, 1918—August 22, 2016**

Hazel is survived by a sister Dorothy May Zintner, who also attends Advent, two nephews Alvin H. (Kathy) Cornell and Kurt (Janice) Zintner and two step-granddaughters Debbie and Pam Howe. In addition to her husband and parents, Hazel was predeceased by two brothers Harry and Alvin Cornell and a stepdaughter Shirley. A service was conducted by Rev. Lynn A. Hade at Schneider Funeral Home on Saturday, August 27th. Hazel will be buried at a later date at George Washington Memorial Park.

**Hazel O. Shumaker**, one of our long-time parishioners, passed away on August 22, 2016. She had just celebrated her 98th birthday in June.

She was born in Southampton a daughter of the late Horace and Ethel Cornell. Hazel volunteered with the American Red Cross in the Bux-mont area, enjoyed attending the Church of the Advent and bowling well into her 90s.

She was the beloved wife of the late Charles N. Shumaker with whom she had shared over 20 years of marriage.

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*Life Together!*

**“You say tomato, and I say tomahto” . . .** If your garden is producing a lot of these or any other



vegetables or fruits, consider bringing your extra produce to the church for others to “buy”. The proceeds benefit a hunger ministry, usually Saint John’s Food Pantry. If you don’t get to bring your produce to church, please don’t forget that St. John’s Food Pantry (505 N York Rd, Hatboro) will take all of your extra garden produce. You can drop off any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 9:30AM and 2:30PM. Many thanks to all of our growers and purchasers!

## CROP WALK – A fun challenge for a worthy cause!

In many parts of the world, people have to walk *miles* to obtain even minimal amounts of food. To fund programs to address the problem of hunger, Church World Services sponsors the CROP Walk. The monies raised support programs that train individuals to grow their own food and raise animals for dairy products. CROP Walk participants collect pledge donations before participating in the walk.

***Good People of Advent!***

*I lay down a contest  
before you!*

Which age group will have the  
most walkers participating in  
this year's Crop Walk?

Ages 0 -17?

Ages 18-99?

Hmmmm—Now  
what would be a  
really good prize?



Rector Lynn Hade is offering a special prize to the group that brings out the most walkers: Children and youth vs. Adults 18 years or older. With the option to walk a shorter route or the regular one, this is an equal opportunity contest!

The 2016 CROP Walk will be ***Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>*** beginning at 1 PM. Both the 10 K (6.2 mile) walk and the shorter Golden Loop (1.5 mile) begin at **Doylestown United Methodist Church, 320 East Swamp Road, Doylestown.**

- ◆ ***Thank you*** to Karl and Lauren New for once again offering to host a picnic lunch at their home near the church before the walk.
  - ◆ If you are unable to walk, please consider sponsoring a walker.
  - ◆ If you wish to participate or have any questions, please contact Deb Stoddart during the evening or weekend at 267-337-4109.
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## Rector's Reflections

Part of being a Christian is sharing the journey with others. As you have read in *I'm Glad You Asked*, building up the body of Christ (the Church) has always depended on the communities of faith bound together by affection and common purpose. In our increasingly busy lives, it becomes harder to fit in this important aspect of our life together as a Church. And yet, if we are to be a vibrant parish, we must figure out how best to foster our common life together.

At its 2016 retreat this summer, our vestry determined that building up our life together as a parish would be one of the primary goals for the coming year.

There are many ways that we can work to spend more time together, just enjoying each other's company, and your vestry is discussing how that can best happen. Currently, we have planned the following opportunities to increase the fun-with-friends factor at Church of the Advent:

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>:** an evening potluck. After feasting and a few fun gathering activities, Bob Tate, parish life consultant, will introduce us to a planning process which we will undertake in the coming months. Your presence is vital to the success of both the evening and the planning process upon which we will soon embark.

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.** is our evening stewardship potluck, and rather than talking mostly about money, we'll hear about faith as a journey and parish life as a pilgrimage, with Rev. Paul Reid sharing with us reflections on his summer trip to Scotland and Iona. The stewardship committee has an ice cream sundae bar planned, plus a few other assorted ideas to add to our enjoyment of being together.

**Sunday evening, December 4<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate the 112<sup>th</sup> birthday of Church of the Advent with fun and food. The planning committee is hard at work figuring out the details so the only thing we know for sure is that it will be a fun evening. Please put this date on your calendar so that you don't miss the festivities.

I look forward to spending these evenings with you,

Lynn+



### Dismantling Racism

Do you want to help begin to heal the racial divide present in our country? You are invited to a workshop led by the Anti-Racism Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. On **September 17, 2016** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Grace Epiphany Church, Gowen and Ardleigh Avenues.

Cost is \$25 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

For more information or to register, contact Jane Cosby at 215.848.1760 or register online: <https://diopa.wufoo.com/forms/antiracism-training-september-17-2016/> (If the hyper link does not take you to the registration page, copy and paste this address into your web browser)



## *Journeys with Celtic Christians*

a 6 week series based on  
the book by  
Rodney Newman

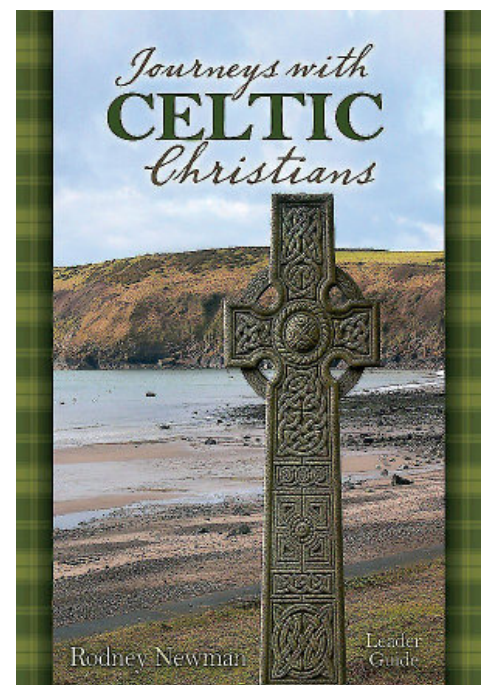
**Begins on Sunday, September 25th @ 11:45 a.m.  
or Tuesday, September 27th @ 6:00 p.m.**

This 6 week reading and discussion program takes a look at the unique features of Celtic Christianity and how we can, in modern times, draw spiritual riches from this ancient tradition.

Based on the book authored by Rodney Newman, each session will be offered twice, on Sunday at 11:45 am and Tuesday at 6:00 pm. The six Sunday dates are 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30. The six Tuesday dates are 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, and 11/1. A simple meal will be served.

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Lynn's office so we know how many to plan for. A contribution of \$10 is suggested to cover the cost of the book "*Journeys with Celtic Christians*". This is also open to anyone whom you think might have an interest.

*"The early Christians of Ireland developed an expression of the faith characterized by deep devotion and fascinating stories," Newman says. "It offers rich insights for modern issues such as promoting a caring society, relating to the natural world and welcoming strangers."*



## Help Needed at St. John's Food Pantry

The Food Pantry continues to grow both in use and in what we are able to offer. A new record was set for the week of August 9-11 with 80 clients being served. Our current registration figures show that the average family size is greater than 3 so really about 250 people received help that week.

As a participant in the Rolling Harvest produce distribution, we have been receiving peppers, squash, tomatoes, onions, and greens. As a participant in the Bucks County Opportunity Council meat distribution, we have been able to offer numerous styles of sausages, bacon, ham, chicken and turkey breasts.

Currently, there is a great need for **drivers**. We have a cadre of volunteers who keep the pantry supplied with a variety of products. Opportunities to serve are during daytime hours Monday through Friday.

We are in need of drivers to **pick up bread and pastry** at the **Wilson Senior Center** in Warminster. Volunteers who are part of this group serve **one day per week for a month**. There is usually a month's rest between dates of service. The driver needs to be available around **noon** until about 1PM.

Volunteer drivers are needed for **Monday pick up** at the **Wawa** on Easton Rd. near County Line Rd. This takes about an hour and half and may be done at **either 10AM or 2PM**. Product is packed in insulated bags and then placed in aluminum trays at the pantry.

We could also use some help in **picking up the produce** on **Tuesdays** and the **meat** on **Thursdays**. We have a driver on each day but they need help carrying things to the car. This is about a two hour process, leaving the church around **10:30AM** and returning around 12:30PM.

Please call Alan Eickoff at 215-675-1298 or the St. John's office 215-675-2031 if you are willing to help with any of these tasks. The Food Pantry thanks all the donors who have been making contributions in any form- monetary, canned and packaged goods, fresh vegetables from the garden. It would not be able to be as successful as it is without your continued generous support.

**GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS** The Outreach Committee will again be sponsoring Christmas food baskets for St. John's Lutheran Church's Food Pantry in Hatboro. Last year, we sponsored 20 families, but this year we will be sponsoring 30 families. The food collection will run from mid-October into December, and collection boxes will be on the stage in the parish hall. Before we can begin to collect, we need "Xerox (copy) paper boxes". If you have access to these at school or work, please bring them in on Sundays and leave them on the stage in the parish hall. The list of food donations includes gravy, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, potato mix, juice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, sugar, flour, Christmas candy, napkins, and disposable roasting pans.

**SAVE THESE DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**



## American Red Cross

### **Blood Drive at Church of the Advent**

Tuesday, October 4 from 2:00pm-7:00pm

**To make an appointment online, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use our sponsor code: EcotA**

**A Sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex as the date approaches. Alan and Henrietta Kiel, organizers**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
for the annual CROP WALK

at Doylestown United Methodist Church.  
The walk starts at 1:00 in afternoon.

### **Faithful Journeys**

**Sunday, October 30** The Very Rev. Paul Reid, rector of St. Paul's, Ellkins Park, traveled to Iona last summer and will share his reflections of faith as journey, using images and insights from the Celtic Christian tradition, as we begin our fall stewardship campaign. A potluck dinner will be followed by an ice cream sundae bar, hosted by the stewardship committee. *5:00 pm—7:00 pm Childcare available. Please look for the sign-up sheet outside Lynn's office as the dinner approaches.*

**Fall Quiet Morning**  
**Pause: the gift of waiting**  
**Saturday, November 12th**

Fall quiet morning, led by Rev. Mary McCullough. 9:00—12:30, with a simple lunch to follow. Donation for lunch and for Mary's leadership: \$35.



**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST**

**Church of the Advent** maintains a **weekly** prayer list for those with immediate needs and this **long-term** prayer list. Please keep those listed here in your prayers. If you have someone on either list who is no longer in need, please let the office know so that they can be removed. Please hold these persons in your prayers:

Gail Ballerstedt -Lynn Sinclair's request  
 Julie Boyd – Catherine Wehmeyer's request  
 Pat Buziak – Janet Gerhardt's request  
 Lexi Cable – Beverly Rowen's request  
 Carla Donato – Jeanne Bernosky's request  
 Heather Janzen – Trish Troilo's request  
 Bob Juskelis—Maureen Roberts' request  
 Matthew Knoebel – Carolyn Smith's request  
 Jim Lamb – Steve & Janet Gilman's request  
 Norma Lane – parishioner  
 Natalie Leckerman – Lynn Sinclair's request  
 Amanda Leigh – Caitlyn Gilman's request  
 John Loomis – Trish Troilo's request  
 Grayce McBride – parishioner  
 Tom McDevitt – Trish Troilo's request  
 Nancy & Bill Meehl – parishioners  
 Bruno Mercuri – Bruce Nicholson's request  
 Nancy Muncer – Jeanne Bernosky's sister  
 Carol Nicolais – parish member  
 Sergio Ortiz-Cataldi – Barbara Pitt's request  
 Sabrina - Maureen Roberts' request  
 Ken Sanders – Barb Pitt's son-in-law  
 Barbara Ann Schulte – Ruth Lazor's request  
 Karen Shallcross – Jeanne Bernosky's request  
 Vera Shembel – Donna Bennett's request  
 Deborah Stacey – parishioner  
 Noah Thome – Barbara Pitt's request  
 Isabel Zimmerman – Louise Zimmerman's request

**ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE**

Stephen Stillman

**BIRTHDAYS**

If your birthday has been omitted, it may be because the office does not have that information and we would love to include you on our monthly list.

Let Karen know at [advent.hatboro@gmail.com](mailto:advent.hatboro@gmail.com) or call the office at 215-675-5737.

Birthdays are celebrated on the third Sunday of the month.

9/1	Martin Bowman
9/5	Bill Kemp
9/5	Carolyn Smith
9/7	Jillian Plum
9/10	Doris Wioncek
9/11	Frankie Fatiga
9/13	Robert Bernosky
9/13	Reid Johnston
9/14	Brian Disley
9/17	Jonathan Wood
9/17	Rocco Pastore
9/18	James Iacullo
9/19	Jesse Marass
9/19	Teresa Kline
9/21	Connor Rose Klotzbach
9/22	Mary Jane Thomas
9/24	Jonathan Knight
9/28	William Millar
9/30	Gerry Lattuca

**Church School Starts**

**Please note: We are beginning Church School this year on Sunday, September 11. Classes will commence at 9:00 a.m.**

**In previous years, we have had a registration first and started classes later. So, bring your child and plan to stay! Please address any questions to Deb Stoddart.**

# September 2016

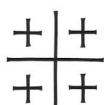
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# SEPTEMBER 2016

## THE ADVENT HERALD

### Church of the Advent, Hatboro



#### **Sundays**

8 o'clock Spoken Eucharist  
10 o'clock Rite II Eucharist with music

#### **Wednesday**

Rite II spoken Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.  
followed by Bible Study

#### **Christian Education**

9 o'clock every Sunday  
from September through May

#### **Godly Play**

For children ages 3 through 2nd grade.  
Conducted on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month  
Meets downstairs in the Godly Play worship space.

#### **Children are welcome at worship**

with age-appropriate materials supplied in the narthex.

#### **Visitors are welcome at Church of the Advent**

for all worship services. God's Table is open to all baptized  
Christians who believe in the presence of Christ  
in the bread and wine.

#### **Coffee and conversation**

are available Sundays after both services  
for those able to stay and enjoy this fellowship.

#### **Our building is handicapped accessible**

with a ramp at Rorer Avenue entrance and a  
handicapped accessible rest room.

#### **Mission Statement of the Congregation**

*We celebrate God's love in Christ.  
We live faithfully in the Episcopalian tradition  
of shared worship, fellowship, and service.  
We proclaim God's reconciling love  
in our community and the world.*

The *Advent Herald* is the monthly newsletter of the  
Church of the Advent, communicating information  
about the ministries, activities and concerns  
of this congregation.

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