

HOLY SPIRIT MESSENGER

A newsletter for the Holy Spirit Church

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December 1, 2018

Everyone in the Church is encouraged to submit articles to the Newsletter. Those working on projects in the church or related to the church are strongly encouraged to submit articles and/or updates to the Editor, James Daffron at James@hisbeloved.org

Newsletter Schedule & Content:

The schedule for Newsletter is twice a month around the 1st and a mid-month (16th) update. I would appreciate articles in an electronic form 2 to 3 days prior. Please let me know in advance that an article is coming. If there is Church-related content that you would like to see included, please let me know.

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Highlights

Saturday, December 1 st	8 AM – Men's Breakfast 7 PM – Healing Service
Wednesday, December 5 th	6:30 PM – Meager Meal 7 PM – Advent Teaching Series
Saturday, December 8 th	5:30 PM – Women's Fellowship at the Caswell's
Sunday, December 9 th	7 PM – Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, December 12 th	6:30 PM – Meager Meal 7 PM – Advent Teaching Series
Saturday, December 15 th	10 AM – 2 PM – Prayer Tent at Villages of Five Points Shopping Center
Wednesday, December 19 th	6:30 PM – Meager Meal 7 PM – Advent Teaching Series
Sunday, December 24 th	10 PM – Feast of the Nativity Service

Weekly Events – All are welcome

Sunday

- 8:00 am – Traditional Service
- 9:15 am – Discover the Bible Again
- 10:30 am – Coffee House Service

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Birthdays in December:

Dec 23 – Kenneth Meyers

Dec 25 – Jesus of Nazareth (Celebrated)

Wedding Anniversaries in December:

Dec – 7 Buz & Annick Hughes

Women's Fellowship

Laura Caswell will host the 3rd Annual Christmas Jewelry Party at her home. This is replacing our regular December meeting. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 8 at 1318 Savannah Drive, Lewes.

Holy Spirit Craft Fair

Carole & Jill are preparing for the next meeting and will announce the date soon.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

Regular Scheduled Monthly Events:

1 st Saturday of the Month	8 AM Men's Breakfast 7 PM Healing Service
2 nd Saturday of Month	10 AM Women's Fellowship
3 rd Saturday of Month	10 AM - 2 PM Prayer Tent
3 rd Sunday of Month	7 PM Vestry Meeting

Anglicans for Life

Thur. – Fri. January 17-18 Summit for Life – March for Life – Washington, DC

Bishop's Israel Trip

Mon. Feb 4th – Sat. Feb. 16 Fr. Vern will be among those joining Bishop John on a Trip to Israel.

Women's Fellowship

Plans are in place to attend the Faith Filled Women's Conference on March 30, 2019, in Salisbury, MD. "Dare to Hope" will be the theme of speaker Katherine Wolf of Hope Heals Ministries. The program is from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The cost of \$60.00 includes the group presentation by Ms. Wolf, break-out sessions, and a full, catered lunch. There is still space available at the table we

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have reserved. If you are interested, please contact Jodie Green at 302-727-2280 or jodiedreambelieve@gmail.com

Holy Spirit Craft Fair

An organizational meeting was held on Sunday, November 4 at 9:00. Carole Daffron & Jill Wright have agreed to co-lead the project. Date set for July 13, 2019. Be looking for the announcement of the next committee meeting – coming soon! Please be thinking about how you want to serve!

OTHER:

Prayer Tree:

If you have any questions about what this might involve, you can ask Carole or James after Church on any Sunday.

If you would like to be part of a special group that can hold these requests in your heart and in your confidence, please contact James or Carole Daffron.

Marketing Team:

If interested in being part of the Marketing Team, contact James Daffron. A Draft Marketing Plan has been submitted to the Vestry.

Church Directory:

December 1, 2018, is the current Directory.

Note: A new Directory will only be printed if changes are required.

Calendars:

December Calendar &
2019 Planned Calendar

Meditation:

There are two Hebrew words that are used throughout the Old Testament that are important to the understanding of God. These are *ri'šôn* (first) and the latter or last (*'acharôn*)
Latter or last *'acharôn* has several shades of meaning when used in the temporal, or sequential, sense.

One such nuance is "latter of two things," as when God, during Moses' reluctance to lead the people, gave him a "first" sign and then a "latter" sign to convince him He would be with him (Exod.

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4:8). Another idea is "last of a series of things," as when Ezra publicly read the Law to the people "day by day, from the first day unto the last day" (Neh. 8:18).

That latter idea leads right to the most important use of 'acharôn. When used in conjunction with ri'šôn, as in "the first and the last," it forms an idiom of completeness. Solomon's entire history, for example—"the acts of Solomon, first and last"—are documented by the meticulous Chronicler, based on several historical authorities of that day, including the records of "Nathan the prophet" (2 Chron. 9:29).

By far, the most important use of this idiom is in reference to God. It is Isaiah who emphasizes this in three places, the strongest of which declares, "Thus says the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God" (Isa. 44:6; cf. 41:4; 48:12). John Gill, an 18th-century Baptist theologian wrote, "He is the first cause and last end, of all things in nature, and providence, and grace; all things are of him, through him, and from him."

Further, the Lord (Yāhweh) God ('Elōhiym) declares that there is no True God other than He. Yes, there are many gods by name, but none by nature, many by claim but none by character, many replicas but none that is real. All others are satanic lies.

Is it not a blessing to know that God is the first and the last?

This indescribable assurance, knowing that He is the beginning and the end and everything in between, is very comforting to me.

Scriptures for Reference: Isaiah references to the first and the last (41:4; 48:12).
Revelation 1:8, 11; 21:6; and 22:13.

Source: 'A Hebrew Word for the Day: Key Words from the Old Testament.'

Historical Notes:

December 1, 1989: Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Pope John Paul II meet at the Vatican, announcing an agreement to reestablish diplomatic ties.

Gorbachev also denounced 70 years of religious oppression in his country.