

VESTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 20, 2019

Good morning and welcome to Christ Episcopal Church! Today is the 19th Sunday after Pentecost. We are glad you are with us. My name is _____, and I am a member of the Vestry.

ONLY IF THERE ARE GUESTS!

If you are a guest with us today, we invite you to provide your contact information on one of the guest cards in the pew racks; you can place it in the collection plate or hand it to an usher.

We will be blessing a prayer quilt this morning for Pam Mehlman who is the mother-in-law of Pam and Dick Jones' daughter, Sarah, and a second prayer quilt for Donald Rogers, who is Deb Wickham's father, recovering from a fall and the lingering effects of Lyme Disease.

Vestry met on Tuesday. We have decided to **move the piano** - *on a trial basis* – to accommodate anthems in the coming weeks and the St. Cecilia Festival. There will be *no construction*, but we will have to move the Eagle Lectern, as the piano will be placed in front of the pews on the north side. The floor will be strengthened before the piano is moved. Vestry will continue to monitor the situation; this trial move will give us all a better sense of how things might work in practice, both at the Festival and on Sunday mornings, with or without a choir anthem.

On Sunday, November 10, both Starla and Mother Evelyn will be away – so we will have *ONE* service of **Morning Prayer**, without music, at 9:00 a.m. There will be no Christian Education that day.

The class on *Women in the Early Church* meets weekly through November 17 in the Great Hall at 9:10 a.m. (except November 10).

The **food drive** boxes in the back of the church and the Great Hall are collecting for **Hanover students** who remain on campus during holidays and semester breaks. Please see the insert in your bulletins for what is requested. Thank you.

The Choir will meet for practice at 11:45 today here in the church – if you'd like to join in, you are most welcome! We'll be singing soon!

The **Hanover College Choir** will present their fall concert today at 2:00 p.m. in Fitzgibbon Recital Hall in the Lynn Center for Fine Arts. Dr. Madlen Batchvarova conducts this free concert, and singers from the Madison community – And Christ Church! – assist.

All Saints remembrance sheets are in the back of church and in the church office. Please let us know those you would like to be remembered on **All Saints Sunday**, November 3. The deadline for letting us know is next Sunday, the 27th. Thank you!

If you have been knitting **scarves for the Seamen's Church Institute**, you may bring them to the office at any time.

We are eager to **offer a public face** during Fourth Fridays – by placing a table with smiling faces, brochures, and a jar to accept written prayers; and the church will be open for viewing. Please speak to Tabitha Tolbert if you are interested in these options. Thank you to everyone who signed up to help out this Friday!

Please plan to attend this year's **St Cecilia Festival** on JOY, on Friday, November 22.

And don't forget Vestry will be selling **Christmas trees** in late November as well!

Thank you to those who have caught up their **pledge payments!** The situation is definitely improving, but if you haven't been able to so far, we do ask that you make every effort to come up to date. We do appreciate your support and all you do to make our church community a real family.

Also, it is time to consider the level of financial support you will be able to offer in 2020; we'll be contacting everyone soon with information and pledge cards.

Be sure to take your copy of *Upcoming Events* home with you!

Are there any other announcements from the Congregation?

10:00 Service Only: We begin our service today with Hymn # 10, *New every morning is the love.*