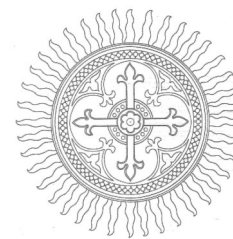


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The Eagle

Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021

Advent Poem

Dear St. John's Parishioners,

I commend this poem to you for your reflection this week.

First Coming by Madeleine L'Engle

He did not wait till the world was ready,
till men and nations were at peace.
He came when the Heavens were unsteady,
and prisoners cried out for release.

He did not wait for the perfect time.
He came when the need was deep and great.
He dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine.

He did not wait till hearts were pure.
In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.
To a world like ours, of anguished shame
he came, and his Light would not go out.

He came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

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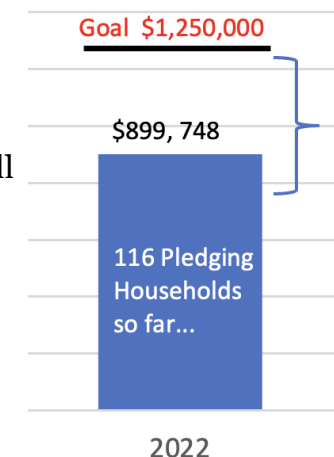
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Stewardship Update

Thanks to everyone who has pledged so far! We have achieved about 72% of our goal with about 70 households still outstanding. If you have lost your pledge card, you can email Victoria (victoria@stjohnsmontgomery.org) with your amount or pledge online as well. If you would like a new card, please call Victoria and we can mail that to you if you'd prefer. If you haven't pledged yet, you may be receiving a friendly reminder call this week from our Junior Warden or members of the Vestry. Thanks for supporting St. John's and its ministries!





Advent and Christmas Events 2021



Advent Lessons and Carols

This Sunday, December 12th, join us for a service of Advent Lessons and Carols at the 10:30 am service. We look forward to having all our parishioners there to sing! P.S. The organ has been repaired to serve us through Christmas!

Angel Tree

Thank you to all who adopted a family from our Angel Tree! Please remember that all gifts are due to the adopted families (or registering agency) **NO LATER THAN December 14th**. Please contact the family or registering agency a few days prior to this date, so you can schedule a time for delivery.

Young Adults Supper Club

Our next Young Adults Supper club will be on **Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm** at the home of Georgia and Dustin Holmes. Like every year, we will do tacky Christmas sweater attire and play dirty santa (gifts no more than \$20). As we get back into the swing of Young Adults, please reach out to others that you know would be interested in joining our supper club. The Holmes' Christmas Party is a great kick off to our supper club!

Mary & Martha Guild Christmas Party

The Mary & Martha Guild of the St. John's ECW will have a Christmas Party at the home of Fairlie Herron (3403 Silver Lane) on **Thursday, December 16th at 6:00 pm**. We'll eat, drink, laugh and play a cut throat game of Dirty Santa (gifts under \$20)! Also please bring a donation of non-perishable food items that we may add to our Carver Food Backpack Pantry.

Children's Christmas Pageant

On Sunday, December 19th at 9:30 am, we will have our Christmas Pageant! There will be no Sunday School for adults or children. All are invited to attend! If there are any questions, please contact Sarah at sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

Christmas Eve Service Donations

- **5:00 pm Children's Service**—Everyone who attends the Children's Service is invited to bring an unwrapped, new toy for the Salvation Army. All of these toys will be delivered to the Salvation Army directly following the service.
- **8:00 pm Service**—Everyone who attends the 8:00 Christmas Eve Service is invited to bring donations for Renaissance Halfway Home. Donations currently needed are for bus passes, new twin sheet sets, new towels and washcloths, new men's underwear boxers, men's pajamas, toiletries, jeans, belts and wallets, HVAC filter sizes 20" x 25" and 20" x 20".

Joy and Concern

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: George Benner, Elizabeth Via Brown, Delia Cerpa, Mark Chappell, Martha Fitzpatrick, Karen Jarrell, Leslie Little, Christopher Marshall, Richard McCrory, Eddie McDowell, Marilyn Pickett, Carrie Shaw, Sarah Stone, Fred Tyson, Barbara Wallace.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Larry Alsobrook, Gail Alsobrook, Joe Carter, Arthur Femenella, Sr., Frank, Robin Flemming, Steve Harding, Shelley Lackey, Richard Norris, Karen and Angelo Pacheco, James Paine, Lavada Person.

Please notify us when you are sick or hospitalized so that we might provide pastoral care.

This Week At St. John's

SUNDAY, December 12

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 am Adult Sunday School, Young Adults Discussion Group, EYC
10:30 am Advent Lessons and Carols
7:00 pm Family Story Time (Facebook Live)

MONDAY, December 13

8:10 am Morning Prayer (Facebook Live)
11:00 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Vestry Meeting

TUESDAY, December 14

7:30 am Holy Eucharist in Chapel
9:00 pm Compline (Facebook Live)

WEDNESDAY, December 15

11:30 am Centering Prayer Group

THURSDAY, December 16

12:05 pm Healing Eucharist in Chapel
1:30 pm Archives Committee Meeting
9:00 pm Compline (Facebook Live)

Altar Flower Memorial

The Altar Flowers this week are given in memory of: Florence Marks Pratt, Merrill Edward Pratt, Merrill Edward Pratt II, Sarah Tatum Smith, Edith Smith Pratt, James Duke Pater-son, William Benneville Rhodes Rayford, Daniel Pratt

THE LESSONS: Zephaniah 3: 14-20, Canticle 9, Philippians 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 7-18

THE COLLECT:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.